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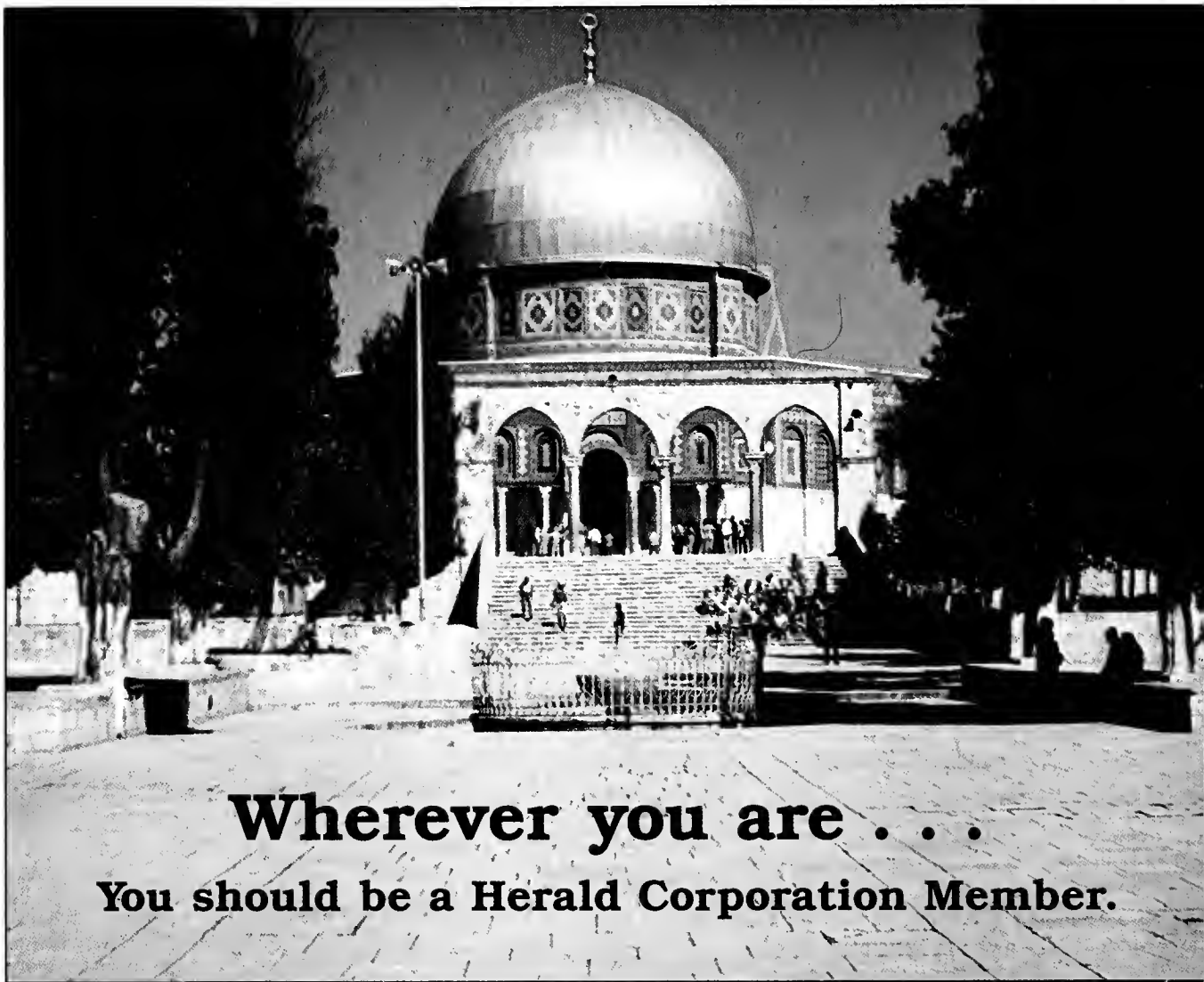
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This is not an easy change for the local church and the changes in ministry are not going smoothly. How much does the church change to meet the challenge and how much should it change? Can the church make big social changes without lowering biblical standards?

It has been suggested that the local church has all kinds of new competition within its ranks. The average church attendee hears many more sermons from a person other than his own pastor. With Christian radio and TV, it is probable the Christian will hear at least three times as many sermons from another preacher. Money is by-passing the local church in great amounts as well. There are indeed challenges to keep the pace in ministry.

All current research indicates that the middle age American does not care about the name of the church or the doctrine . . . but they do care about whether there is a Day Care Center associated with the church.

If you have any interest in

the local church, do not miss the December 17, 1990 issue of *Newsweek*. The feature article is "And the Children Shall Lead Them—Young Americans Return to God." A couple of highlights suggest the situation—some churches are cutting the message, banishing hellfire and damnation and the church label. This generation chooses churches like a local restaurant and with the same loyalty. The Kwik-Scan Bible is in. Second Baptist at Houston has 64 softball teams, 48 basketball teams, 84 volleyball, soccer and flag teams. The Family Life Center has six bowling lanes, two basketball courts, an indoor jogging track, racquetball courts, weight and aerobic rooms plus a music room and a 500 member choir. Just your average local church!

Support groups are in . . . from women who love too much to overeaters anonymous. Says the leader "if it flies, let it stay, we are wounded healers." But the rub comes when "sin" is approached. It seems there is a keen eye for the sins of society, but the area of personal sin is kind of lost.

The local church does have a challenge . . . to retain the purity of God's word and somehow find the method of getting it to persons who are lost in sin. The question is whether we have caught the challenge to meet the temporal needs of persons and lost the long range eternal, spiritual needs of the soul. The body has become very important to our generation, but there is still an eternal soul that needs ministry. Oh, for a balance between the two that meets the standard of the eternal God, whom we serve.



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Is America on the Verge of Revival?

The Northwest Renewal

(First of a three-part series examining current trends in our nation. Condensed from the National and International Religion Report, Oct. 8, '90. Used by Permission)

A spiritual renewal movement among pastors in the Pacific Northwest has received national attention and sparked hopes among a growing number of leaders across the U.S. that a genuine "revival" of authentic Christianity may soon be ignited. Terry Dirks, Vice President of Multnomah School of the Bible in Portland, Oregon, and an Evangelical Free Church minister, does not go so far as to say that a full-fledged spiritual awakening is sweeping his region, but he insists that the phenomenon occurring among Christian leaders in the two-state area is unlike anything he has ever witnessed in his ministry of over 20 years.

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The so-called Northwest Renewal effort began when Multnomah President Joe Aldridge was disturbed by data that classifies the Pacific Northwest region as spiritually desolate. Only 3 percent of Washington's residents attend church, the lowest figure in the nation, statisticians say. Oregon holds the second-lowest church attendance rate. The typical pastor in the area, Aldridge noticed, was discouraged and disillusioned, having little hope that evangelism efforts would ever succeed.

Acting on the theory that a genuine revival can be ignited only after church leaders have been "renewed and retooled," Aldridge organized a pastors' prayer gathering in the Salem, Oregon area 18 months ago. It was not a typical ministerial meeting. The men traveled to a remote spot on the Oregon coast to pray, worship, and fellowship over a four-day period. Leaders representing Baptist, Episcopalian, Evangelical Free, Presbyterian, Methodist, Lutheran, and various charismatic and Pentecostal churches united to form a rare mixture

of styles, tastes, and doctrines that have become characteristic of all other Northwest Renewal sessions. Denominational differences are ignored during the retreats. Prayer, brotherly affection, and the worship of Jesus Christ are emphasized. Communion is served each night, hymns are sung, but no preaching is allowed.

Dirks pointed to several key factors in these meetings that have made them exceptional: (1) They are marked by candid confession of personal sin; (2) "denomination blinders" are removed as various leaders openly confess their hostilities and prejudices toward other pastors from different doctrinal backgrounds; and (3) the level of fellowship achieved during the meetings always produces a more permanent expression of unity and cooperation in the localities represented.

Ron Boehme, a Youth With a Mission leader, participated in a Memorial Day weekend retreat involving 60 pastors. At one point, an Assembly of God minister stood to his feet, with tears flowing, to announce that he was guilty of judging a conservative Baptist colleague in the room. "I was told in Bible school that you believed all the wrong things . . . I thought you were elitist," the AG pastor confessed. The Baptist replied: "I thought the same things about you. Would you forgive me?" Boehme said the two men met each other in the center of the room to embrace and shed more tears.

Dirks noted that weeping is a common factor in the Northwest prayer retreats. It comes naturally in response to raw honesty about personal weaknesses in the lives of the participating leaders. Sometimes a chair would be placed in the center of their circle and men would voluntarily come to the front. Tears began to flow freely as men shared their hearts. Some were bound in the chains of lust. Others were struggling in their marriages. Some had grown up in the homes of alcoholics and were reaching out for love. The variety seemed endless, yet the response always was the same. As a man would share his need, other brothers from the audience would make their way up to the front to pray for and encourage the one who was baring his soul. It was so tender and yet so intense that it was almost impossible to get ones prayer in. Man after man came to the 'hot seat' in front and went away built up and encouraged.

(Continued next month)

Dedication of the Navtech Center

Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries include two major emphases: evangelism and education. Evangelism is accomplished, partially through the planting of Navajo Churches. At the present time, there are two churches on the reservation in New Mexico and one in Red Lake, Arizona. All three churches are pastored by native Americans. Evangelism and education are the goals of the Grace Christian Indian School where 110 students are enrolled in classes from first grade through twelfth.

In preparation for the January 21 dedication of the Vocational Training and Vehicle Maintenance facility (the Navtech Center) at the Mission, several staff members were asked to comment on what they felt this new facility could mean to the

ministry there. Here is the response from Bob Lathrop, veteran mechanic, who, with his wife Norma, has served at the Mission since 1966.

"When I look at our new Navtech Center building I think of several things. I am glad to see that I can now get a school bus inside the building and shut the door against the wind, dust, rain, cold, and snow. Crawling around under a bus to change a broken leaf spring, or whatever else gives out, is soon to be done under much more pleasant circumstances than previously (outdoors in all kinds of weather). I am very thankful for the new circumstances.



The new Navtech Center at the Navajo Mission.

Ministry Opportunity Available in Home Office

The Grace Brethren Home Missions Council is seeking a qualified person to serve in its Winona Lake office as controller of its three corporations (Home Missions, Investment Foundation, Navajo Mission). The individual chosen for this position will manage the financial office of the Mission and should be experienced in accounting systems, financial analysis, computer support systems, and other management responsibilities. Interested parties may request a job description and application by writing P.O. Box 587, Winona Lake, IN, 46590, Attn. Jesse Deloe, or phone 219/267-5161.



Before the Navtech Center, buses had to be repaired outdoors regardless of the weather.

"My mind goes back to a bit of verse from an unknown source, 'God has no hands but our hands to do His work,' and it prompts other thoughts, as I view the new building. I see concrete and steel evidence of the hand of God that has moved to meet our needs so we can serve Him more effectively in reaching our community and preparing them to live God-honoring lives.

"The hand of God. My hands did not build that building. Brethren men and women built it. Men and women from all over represented the hands of God reaching to a people who need our Lord Jesus and need to be built up in the faith and 'prepared for every good work.'

"Part of our Savior's preparation was a carpenter, and now we have a more adequate facility to teach carpentry to our people. We are also better equipped to teach metal working, welding, and mechanics skills. Hospitality is expected of Christians, and we now have a dandy place to teach the culinary parts of that grace in the new home economics room.

"We see that the hand of God (your hands that have prayed, given, and worked) has equipped us to serve our Lord even more effectively here at

Counselor, New Mexico, and that is our desire, to serve Him.

"Your hands . . . I haven't even hinted at all of the hands through all of the years that God has used to build and support this work for His glory, but He knows them all.

"Now we anticipate seeing God provide the additional support by your prayers and gifts to make all of these facilities bring Him glory as they are used to perform the purpose for which He intended them."

Editor's note: The Navtech Center has been constructed and furnished debt free through the generous gifts of many friends and the physical labor of a host of Yokefellows in the spring and summer of 1990. Friends of the Mission who have not yet responded to the opportunity to become a *Provider of the Promise* by contributing to the special campaign fund for the support of the Mission are encouraged to write for further information to Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries, Counselor, NM, 87018, or phone 505/568-4454.

News from Home Missions Churches

Prayer is requested for the Dekalb Community Grace Brethren Church near **Atlanta, Georgia**, where Ernest Usher is the pastor. Rev. Dave Scott was added to the staff for a two-year period to assist in evangelism and outreach. That program has now ended, and, since January first, Pastor Usher and his wife LaVon are carrying the leadership alone. Please pray for the financial needs of the work and for opportunities to reach new people.



Pastor Ernest and LaVon Usher

Two Florida churches are seeking full time pastors. In **Bradenton**, a trio of former pastors and missionaries has been leading the congregation during a time of remodeling facilities and preparing to call a pastor. Ralph Hall, formerly associated with Brethren Architectural Services in the Home Missions office; Lynn Schrock, former missionary to Argentina and retired pastor from San Diego, California; and Ernie Bearinger, retired missionary to Brazil, have led the congregation to the place where they are actively seeking a pastor.

Dr. Lester Pifer, founding pastor both of the Bradenton and **North Port, Florida**, churches, has informed the Home Missions office that his congregation is ready for a full time pastor. A candidate was invited to the church this month, and an announcement is expected shortly about God's provision of permanent leadership at North Port. Dr. Pifer will once again retire at his home in Bradenton.



Dr. Lester Pifer

Pray for suitable facilities for two Home Mission congregations. The church at **Meniffee Valley**,

California, has located a good meeting place but has had difficulty in receiving local permission to use it. It is a public facility and officials in Washington, D.C., have authorized its use by the church.

With attendances averaging in the forties now, Steve Makofka reports that the **Liberty GBC, Philadelphia**, must seek a larger meeting place. It's a good problem to have, but suitable facilities are hard to find.

With the graduation of seven Home Missions churches to self-support status by the end of 1990 and the addition of two new points (Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Haitian church (Wilfred Jean) and Orange County, CA, (Dave Marksbury) for administrative oversight), there are now thirty-five active Home Mission points plus two self-supporting churches receiving special assistance.

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Personal Reflections

I have been encouraged by many to open up a limited number of pages of the Herald magazine to the expression of opinions and beliefs regarding the baptism/membership issue in the Grace Brethren Church. No practical means of such an exchange has been available to persons following last year's national conference. A forum plan was adopted at the 1989 conference, but has not been implemented in a workable fashion to date. No exchanges which involve the names of other persons will be included. The use of the Herald magazine makes the information available to lay persons as well as to ministers. No editing will be done on any of the articles and it is understood that the material does not have the endorsement of the Herald, the Fellowship or the local church—it reflects the personal position of the individual author.

—Charles W. Turner, publisher

By Richard Horner, Pastor
First Grace Brethren Church of Altoona, PA

In 1882 the Brethren Church split into 3 factions. I used to think that it was solely because of doctrine. I understood that the problem was over the liberal element that was sweeping our nation and discrediting the Bible as God's Word. But upon closer examination of that great division from the *Brethren Encyclopedia* these last two weeks, I've discovered that the catalyst used to really break things up was the relentless emphasis of "Progressive thinking". In reading all about Henry Holsinger, his magazine, and the disagreement that he and his followers had with the maturer Elders of the church—I have discovered that the problem was really over the issue of *Christian Freedom*!

Perhaps this is a bit of a surprise to most of us? Yet if you were to read the write-up under the heading: Progressive Brethren, Declarations of Principles, and Mandatory Decisions, in our encyclopedia—you too would discover that the differences that became irreparable had to do with the authority of the Central Committee over the decisions or desires of the independent local churches. Even Homer Kent, Sr. in his book *Conquering Frontiers* mentions that the Progressive Brethren had a problem with the more conservative Brethren about church autonomy.

I think it interesting that now about 110 years later we find ourselves facing similar problems. Our topic for the forum, "What does the Bible say about how churches relate to each other?" is really asking the question of local church autonomy in relationship to district and national forces. It's the age-old question of how much power should a central government have over the individual states. This is the question our political forefathers debated in 1776 and many years thereafter.

In fact, I'd like to suggest to you, that our whole debate over baptism/church membership is more an argument of relational authority, than a big disagreement over trine immersion or obedience

to Christ's commands. For if I understand what I'm hearing from even the "open churches"—most agree to continue to baptize by trine immersion only. So the problem I believe, is church membership, not baptism. And then I further wish to state, it is my opinion that just who becomes a member and what requirements are set in said church, ought to be the authority of said church; not a denominational heirarchy, nor a National Conference ruling, nor even a District Constituion.

On page 1061 of the *Brethren Encyclopedia*, the author of the topic "Progressive Brethren" says that these folks "called for *unity* in doctrine taught in the gospel, and *liberty* in matters not taught there." They also desired that items not clearly proclaimed in the Scriptures ought not to be "a test of church fellowship". In addition to starting Sunday Schools and paying their pastors, they wanted to use musical instruments in their worship services, to start Christian schools of higher learning, and provide an open exchange of opinions in periodicals and papers to present new ideas "in their struggle for *freedom* and liberty of conscience". It sounds to me like they wanted to be different in some ways from the traditional patterns. But they didn't intend to be pushed out of the fellowship. I can see a lot of parallels to our present situation. And yes, I can see those sincere Brethren of this 20th Century who wish to set their own rules on church membership and baptism as similar to those progressive thinkers of the past.

Now let me return to Forum Question - 2. The Bible does say a lot about the way churches ought to relate to each other. The way I understand Paul's policy in the book of Acts is, that each separate geographical church was to operate and function on its own—autonomy! For example they were to:

- Individually appoint Elders and Deacons—Acts 14:23, Phil. 1:1, Titus 1:5.
- Use their own prophets, teachers, and pastors—Acts 13:1, 1 Cor. 12:18-28, Eph. 4:11, 12.
- Welcome other brethren from different cities as equal and the same—Rom. 16:1, 2, Acts 18:24, 27.
- Be models and examples to each other—2 Cor. 8:1-5, 1 Ths. 1:6-8.
- Individually addressed by their founding father (Paul) for encouragement, correction, or future challenges—I Ths. 2:17-20, Rom. 1:11-13, 16:17-20.
- Have individual authority over members and procedures—I Cor. 5:1-5, 2 Ths. 3:6-15.

Also, when the Jerusalem church (the larger and first established) tried to set policy for other congregations (Acts 15) a great argument and long meeting for a compromise solution took place. End result was *Unity* but still *Individuality*!

The way I see it then, the Bible says churches are to relate positively and in love toward each

other because Jesus commanded it in John 13:34, 35. And because it is a powerful testimony of unity, love, and success. (John 17:22, 23, 26; Eph. 4:2, 3, 13, 16).

May I conclude now with this Scripture passage. In Luke 9 Jesus is scolding His disciples quite frequently it seems. They make one selfish mistake after another. In verses 49 and 50 it is John's turn. Thinking his pride and intolerance is really righteous separatism, John confidently tells Jesus they had just spied out and silenced a compromiser. 'He was using your name Lord, and even ministering to many people, but he was not doing it our way and certainly not working with us!' Now this lone person's methods were evidently not in conformity with the limited ways Jesus had taught them at first. But our Lord said, and hear this please, "He who is not against us is for us!" John probably protested, 'But, Lord, his way is not the pure biblical way, and certainly not the best way, so it ought to be stopped before more people start to deviate.' Now wasn't this the spirit of superiority that thinks that one group is better or more

spiritual than another? But, in a different passage Jesus says, "I have other sheep which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they shall hear my voice; and they shall become one flock with one Shepherd."

Oh my friends, don't you think that believers of like precious faith ought to be allowed to differ on minor views or expedient methods? The Progressive Brethren thought that way. And we Grace Brethren pride ourselves in being the best off-shoot of them. But think with me a minute, what ever happened to their strong stand on women's head covering, or nonresistance to war, or opposition to men and women in secret societies? Could it be that we have progressed even more than they? Haven't we allowed individual churches and pastors to make up their own minds claiming Romans 14:22 — "The faith which you have, have as your own conviction before God". Why must every true believer or every Holy Spirit-led congregation have the same exact convictions about church membership requirements?

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The Greek Word Agape

Its use in the Bible

by J. Paul Dowdy

For several years it has been quite noticeable that preachers and Bible teachers, when speaking on "love" often mention three or four Greek words that mean "love". They then explain how each of the words refers to a different kind or quality of love. The words are (1) "storge", not used in any of the canonical books of the Bible; (2) "eros", found in only one verse of the Bible (Prov. 7:18); (3) "phileo", found 26 times in the Septuagint, and 25 times in the New Testament; and (4) "agape", which occurs in the Septuagint 16 times and 115 times in the New Testament.

Having mentioned the above words, the speaker then gives a fuller description of "agape" which is said to be the word for God's love, the highest and purest form of love. It is said to be unselfish, having in view the well being of the one loved, and without regard for or benefit to the one loving. A well-known pastor, Bible teacher and author says, "Agape is a word that simply means the ultimate act of self sacrifice. It is a word which refers to the ultimate act of sacrificing oneself for the good of someone else." The same author, writing about "love" says of "agape" that "it is the strongest, the most grandiose, the loftiest, the most fully defining word to speak of this particular characteristic." Recently a prominent evangelist speaking on television said that the love of God is so great that the New Testament writers invented a word for it— "agape".

Such striking statements arouse the attention and stir up curiosity. Just here, we think of the Bereans, those noble people listening to Paul's preaching, "searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." Since so much is being said about the word "agape", it seemed like a good idea to search the scriptures and see if those things are so.

We look first at the statement that the word "agape" was coined by the New Testament writers. Looking back in the Third Century B.C., the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Old Testament, contains abundant evidence that the verb "agapao" and the noun "agape" were used extensively. Going further back into Greek history the verb "agapadgo", listed by Liddel and Scott as the poetic form of "agapao" is found in Homer's *Illiad* (omega, line 464) written between the Tenth and Sixth Centuries B.C. (The *Illiad* is divided into books, each indicated by a letter of the Greek alphabet.) It is quite evident that the word was not invented by the New Testament writers. The important questions are: How did the Bible writers use these words?

In what kind of situations or statements involving "love" did they consider it correct to use the verb "agapao" and the noun "agape".

We begin with the Old Testament, the Greek Septuagint in which the verb "agapao" occurs over 150 times. Fifty-two times it refers to God's love for man or man's love for God. Fifty-one times it refers to man's love for family, friends or neighbors. Fifty-four times it refers to man's love for things.

It is quite clear that this word was not used with the restricted meaning of God's love, but was also used in a wide range of human relationships. In some cases it was not even an acceptable level of human love. An example of faulty parental love is found in Genesis 25:27-28. "Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob." The divided love of the parents bore evil fruit in the life of their sons. Jacob cheated Esau out of his father's blessing and Esau sought to kill Jacob.

Even worse than this low-level parental love is the despicable conduct of Shechem, the son of Hamor the Hivite, with Dinah, the daughter of Jacob (Gen. 34:1 following). Jacob had just settle in a new location and "Dinah went out to see the daughters of the land." "Shechem saw her and took her and lay with her and defiled her." In verse 3 it says, "he loved the damsel." His love was selfish and sinful, not a self-sacrificing love for the good of Dinah. The fruit of that love was the massacre of Shechem and all of the men of his tribe by Jacob's sons.

Another account of evil behavior prompted by love is that of Amnon, son of David, with Tamar, the sister of Absalom (II Samuel 13:1-15; II Kings in Sept.). In verse 1 we are told that Amnon loved Tamar. The fact that his intentions were evil comes out in verse 2. Because she was a virgin "Amnon thought it hard for him to do anything to her." But with the help of an evil friend, he devised a plan to lure her into his bedroom. There he carried out his evil scheme and defiled Tamar. Then he hated her "so that the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love ("agape") wherewith he had loved her."

Before leaving the Old Testament, let us note Hosea 10:11. Here it is said that "Ephraim is as an heifer that is taught, and loveth to tread out the corn." In this case the love is not even human love, but that of an animal. In all four of the passages just reviewed, the verb is "agapao", the same as

that in John 3:16.

We turn now to the New Testament to see how Jesus and the writer of those books used the words. The noun "agape" occurs 115 times in the New Testament, used as follows:

1. Love for others 71 times
2. Christ's love for people 8 times
3. The Father's love for Christ 3 times
4. God's love for believers 23 times
5. The believers love for God-Christ 9 times
6. Love for the truth 1 time

The verb "agapao" is found about 140 times in the New Testament, used in the following variety of relationships:

1. The Father and the Son love people 34 times
2. The Father and the Son love each other . 10 times
3. People love others 54 times
4. People love things 4 times
5. People love God and Christ 30 times

From its use in several passages it is evident that the New Testament writers did not consider this word as limited to some exalted and pure kind of love. Jesus said, "For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? For sinners also love those that love them" (Luke 6:32). In Luke 11:43 Jesus rebuked the Pharisees because they loved the uppermost seats in the synagogue. It is used in John 3:19, "and men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil." Paul laments the loss of a helper, saying, "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world (II Timothy 4:10). The apostle Peter in a lengthy condemnation of certain false believers says they "are gone astray, following the way of Baalim who loved the wages of unrighteousness" (II Peter 2:15). In all of these references the verb is "agapao", which quite clearly was not reserved to refer to God's love.

Another matter which deserves attention is the supposed distinction between "agapao"—to love. It is said that "agapao" refers to the highest and purest form of love, while "phileo" refers to human affection, a friendly sort of love. Did Jesus and the New Testament writers recognize such a distinction? Let us examine several passages. In Luke 11:43 Jesus says, "Woe unto you Pharisees! for ye love (agapao) the uppermost seats in the synagogues." In Luke 20:46 Jesus rebukes the scribes because they love (phileo) "greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts." Compare also John 3:35 in which Jesus says, "The Father loveth (agapao) the Son". When Lazarus was sick, his sisters sent word to Jesus saying, "he whom thou lovest (phileo) is sick" (John 11:3). We read then in verse 5 "that Jesus loved (agapao) Martha and her sister and Lazarus." Before Jesus arrived Lazarus died. When Jesus arrived at the home, He

was touched by the sorrow of the bereaved sisters and He "wept". Then said the Jews, "behold how He loved (phileo) him.

Another interesting verse is John 16:27. Here Jesus says, "For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me." Phileo is used in both positions in this sentence, referring to God's love in the first and to the believer's love in the latter. The apostle Paul uses "phileo" in a very important connection in I Cor. 16:22 saying, "If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema." Here a mere human affection, a friendly sort of love will not do.

As a final word on this subject, the glorified Jesus says in Rev. 3:19, "As many as I love (phileo) I rebuke and chasten." It is evident from this brief review of scripture that Jesus and the New Testament writers recognized no noticeable distinction between "phileo" and "agapao".

Now in conclusion, regarding "agapao" and "agape", it is obvious that neither the Septuagint translators nor Jesus nor the New Testament writers saw any more distinctive and exalted meaning in these words than is found in the English word "love", and used them in the same way as the word "love". The kind or quality of love in any given passage must be understood by its use on that particular context and not from any inherent distinctive meaning in the word "agape" or agapao". Let us be like the Bereans, and search the scriptures daily to see if the things we hear and read are in agreement with the word of God.

J. Paul Dowdy is a retired missionary to Argentina, currently residing in El Paso, TX.

Dr. Towns Coming to Grace Campus in February

Dr. Elmer Towns, leading authority from the Church Growth Institute, will be on the Grace Theological Seminary campus, Winona Lake, IN, February 22 to present his one-day seminar, "How to Reach the Baby Boomer."

The seminary has made special arrangements with Dr. Towns to make the seminar available to pastors for \$49, half the usual fee. For more information or to register, call the Church Growth Institute toll-free at 1-800-553-4769. (Grace Seminary students and faculty should call Grace extension 5294.) Deadline for registration is February 15.

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Grace Theological Seminary has begun taking applications from pastors and other Christian ministry professionals for its new Doctor of Ministry (D. Min.) degree program. The D. Min. program is designed to enable Christian ministry professionals to earn a doctoral degree without leaving their present ministries.

The new degree program, according to Dr. David R. Plaster, Vice President for Academic Affairs at the seminary, is the Doctor of Ministry (D. Min.) He said that the seminary designed the D. Min. curriculum after carefully researching the needs of modern ministers. D. Min. classes begin May 20.

"The Doctor of Ministry program focuses on practical aspects of Christian ministry," Dr. Plaster said. "Our intention is to help seasoned ministry leaders to enhance their ministries. The D. Min. program augments their initial foundation of seminary education and ministry experience."

The new program is open to current pastors and other ministry workers who have completed at least four years in full-time Christian ministry and who have earned a Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent from a graduate school or seminary recognized by the administration at Grace.

Requirements for the D. Min. degree consist of eight units of credit earned through successful participation in eight on-campus seminars during the seminary's winter and summer sessions, successful completion of assignments prior to and following each seminar, and a ministry-related degree project supervised by D. Min. faculty. (Some seminars may be offered on an extension basis, or

may be constructed to offer partial credit toward the program requirements.)

During the first year of the program, any M. Div. alumnus of Grace Theological Seminary and any pastor in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches can transfer up to two units of credit (25 percent) into the D. Min. program at Grace.



Dr. David Plaster

Dr. Plaster noted that the D. Min. curriculum at Grace Seminary focuses on four areas of ministry: personal growth, ministry skills, cultural relevance, and theological application. "The program is structured to help ministers fulfill requirements for the degree through a combination of off-campus work and one-week on-campus residencies. Each participant also must complete a major degree project involving an actual ministry need or problem."

In addition to the D. Min. degree, Grace offers nine other graduate programs in theology, missions, and Christian education.

More information about the new Doctor of Ministry program is available from Dr. Plaster or the seminary's Department of Enrollment Services, 200 Seminary Drive, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590. Inquiries may also be made by telephone toll-free: 1-800-845-2930 (in Indiana) and 1-800-54-GRACE (outside Indiana). Local callers should call 372-5100.

College Receives Gift

Grace College President John J. Davis has announced the receipt of a \$200,000 gift from the Andersen Foundation, of Bayport, Minnesota. The foundation has been a long-time supporter of Grace College.

The Andersen Foundation provides support for private, accredited institutions of higher education which build and operate without accepting institutional federal, state, or local government funds or loans, including tax funds for faculty or student research projects.

"The grants we have received from the Andersen Foundation over the years," Dr. Davis said, "have been of strategic significance enabling Grace College to maintain both quality and integrity in all of its programs."



Grace College students began attending chapel services in the college's newly renovated chapel/auditorium, in McClain Hall last fall. Other recent campus improvements include a new student union, two new classrooms in the Education Division (including a new computer lab), and new lounge facilities in two residence halls. The "Lancer Lounge," a popular gathering place on campus for students is undergoing a complete renovation in January.

NEWS UPDATE

Middlebranch, OH—The Grace Brethren Church held a dedication service on December 9, 1990, for an addition to their church. A narthex, sound room, and classroom have been added to the front of the church. An area has been blacktopped in the parking lot as well. Wes Haller, pastor, is serving in his eighth year there since his return.

The First Grace Brethren Church of Fort Wayne, IN, has started construction of a 20,000 square foot building which will include a gym, fellowship hall, and a sanctuary which will seat approximately 400. They have secured 29 acres of land on Highway 27 South. Completion date is scheduled for May 1, 1991.

Sebring, FL—broke ground again on December 2, 1990, at the Grace Brethren Church for an addition of two large Sunday school rooms. This is the third building program in seven years. Jay Fretz has been the pastor there for the last seven years.

Los Alamitos, CA—The Grace Church of Los Alamitos has just completed a successful fund-raising campaign. The goal was for 4 million dollars, but it was exceeded by \$5,233,000 in three-year commitments. They have in escrow 12 acres of land that cost \$6.2 million; Building plans are set for April of 1991 and the buildings are projected to cost over \$5 million. Mike Ukleja, pastor.

Harrah, WA. The Harrah Grace Brethren Church dedicated its new facility on November 18, 1990. Dr. Willard Aldrich, president emeritus of Multnomah School of the Bible, was the special speaker.

Ground was broken for the new facility in March on the four-acre site owned by the church since 1941. Over the years crops of corn, mint, wheat, and grapes had been grown on the four acres. Four years ago the church family determined it was time to "grow" a church.

The former facility is being used by the Harrah Community Christian



The Dedication service for the new addition to the Grace Brethren Church in Waldorf, MD, pastored by Jeff Thornley, was held outside under beautiful blue skies on October 14, 1990. The service was an opportunity to praise God with word and song and dedicate the new addition to Him. The new fellowship hall, kitchen, classrooms, and offices have tripled the original space. Following the service, the congregation enjoyed a lunch together and a very special time of fellowship. This addition has enabled the church to expand its programming, which now includes a Wednesday night meal with seven adult classes and pioneer clubs following. Approximately 185 people participate in these programs. God has richly blessed the church for which the congregation is very thankful.

School. By utilizing the four old campus buildings, the school has been able to bring together all of its pre-school through sixth grade classes.

Co-chairmen for the building program were: Jack Labbee and Chet Rockwell. Committee members included Wes Ferguson, Bob Smithwick, Lyle Taylor, Bob Rowe, Dave Johnson, and Chuck Winter. The building was designed by Roy Warren and the general contractor. The almost 11,000 square foot building is divided into a sanctuary, which seats 220, and fellowship hall. The hall was designed with an AWANA Club program in mind.

The church family raised some

\$240,000 towards the project, with the remaining amount loaned through the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation.

May 15 has been designated as an annual "Day With God" to encourage prayer for our churches. For any churches needing brochures on how to conduct a Day with God contact Grace Brethren Foreign Missions. Cost is \$8.00 per hundred (includes postage).

The Grace Brethren Church of Whittier, CA, held a day of prayer and fasting on January 9. Three sessions were held—one at 6 a.m., one at noon, and another at 7 p.m. They met to pray for the fellowship and the Persian Gulf crisis.

Tom Julien and Peter Peponis from Grace Brethren Foreign Missions were in Europe and Africa recently for a period of two weeks.

The Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, IN, was involved in a pro-life campaign. A caravan left the church on January 26, 1991, to journey to Fort Wayne, IN. George Grant was the speaker at the rally. The event was sponsored by United Family Network.

Dr. Homer Kent, Winona Lake, IN, taught classes during the winterim of Grace Schools at Masters Seminary, Sun Valley, CA. The school is under John McArthur's jurisdiction. Richard Mayhue is Vice President and Dean.

California took the spotlight for Brethren activities recently. The Fellowship Council and the Strategy Committee met in January at the Simi Valley Grace Brethren Church.

A Forum Planning Session will meet at Columbus, OH. March 21-23. The District Forum Coordinators will be invited to the sessions which will be hosted by the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus.

Plans for National Conference for the coming summer are now taking shape. Some of the tentative plans call for the overall conference schedule to run from July 19 to August 1, 1991. The sessions will be held at Columbus, OH, and James Custer is the host pastor. The program is to start with the Fellowship Council staff meetings followed by the meetings of the National Boards and committees. Thursday evening, July 25, a grand reception for the leadership conference will be held. Saturday evening will be a great musical program, with the moderator's address on Sunday morning and a rally on Sunday evening featuring the major boards and ministries. The sessions will conclude with the Thursday evening, August 1 meeting.

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Wichita, KS Grace Brethren church, 950 N. Ridgewood Dr., Wichita, KS 67208-3666.

Deaths

Bauman, Aline. December 20, 1990. Aline was the wife of Dr. Paul R. Bauman of Longview, TX. Memorial services were held on December 27 at the Grace Brethren Church of Longview, TX. A memorial fund has been established and gifts may be sent to the Grace Brethren Church of Longview, Arch. Rutherford, son-in-law, was in charge. Interment was at Indianapolis, IN.

Elder, Howard. 83. December 19, 1990. He was a member of the Suburban Grace Brethren Church, Hatboro, PA. Gary Gnagey, pastor.

Hastings, Florence. 83. December 21, 1990. Graveside services were held on December 26,

1990. Harold Dunning, Associate Pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Long Beach, CA, officiated.

Jefferson, Virginia. 83. December 29, 1990. She was a member of the Ghent Grace Brethren Church, Roanoke, VA. Nathan Leigh, pastor.

Lentz, Oscar H., 91. October 5, 1990. Mr. Lentz was a stalwart of the faith and loved his church. He had been a member of the First Grace Brethren Church, Dayton, OH, for almost 70 years. He shared in leadership capacities on the trustee and deacon boards of the church. Memorial service was conducted by the pastor and Charles Lawson, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Trowood, OH. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

Lyle, Oscar. 77. December 31, 1990. He was a member of the Ghent Grace Brethren Church of Roanoke, VA. Nathan Leigh, pastor.

McClain, Josephine. 88. December 18, 1990. She was the wife of the late Dr. Alva McClain, founder and first president of Grace College and Grace Seminary, Winona Lake, IN. Memorial services were held in Waterloo, IA; graveside services at the Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw, IN; and also a special service was held at Grace Seminary Chapel, Winona Lake, IN. Charles Ashman was in charge of the Indiana services.

Shuck, Gertrude. 73. November 15, 1990. She was a charter member of the Meyersdale Grace Brethren Church, Meyersdale, PA, and served the Lord faithfully. Larry Gagner, pastor.

Sower, Dorothy. December 22, 1990. She was a member of the Homerville Grace Brethren Church, Homerville, OH. Robert Holmes, pastor.

Swank, Dessie B., 73. October 1, 1990. She had been a faithful member of the First Grace Brethren Church, Dayton, OH, for 36 years. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

Woolman, Betty, wife of Lloyd Woolman who has pastored several Brethren churches, passed away on December 27. Memorial services were held at the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Indiana, on December 29, 1990. John Televan, pastor.

Marriages

Cooke: Kim Olingendeel and Kelvin Cooke were united in marriage on December 22, 1990, at the Ghent Grace Brethren Church, Roanoke, VA. The pastor was assisted by the groom's father, the bride's grandfather, and the bride's uncle. Nathan Leigh, pastor.

Cummings: Angie Martin and John Cummings were united in marriage on August 18, 1990, at the Ghent Grace Brethren Church, Roanoke, VA. Nathan Leigh, pastor.

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A Chain of Love



School was out for the day, and the last surge of school children was filling the air with their pent-up energy. As they passed on down the street, they left an almost eerie silence hanging in the air.

A girl of about ten emerged from one of the houses, glanced uncertainly toward the retreating figures, then, seeming to gather resolve, walked across the deserted street. She stopped in front of one of the houses, gulped, then pressed timidly on the doorbell. A dog's shrill barking sounded instantly from inside the house. The door opened, and an elderly woman stood smiling a welcome.

"Come right on in!" the woman exclaimed. "It's so good to see you! Hush, Ginger! She won't bite," the woman explained.

Carefully skirting the yapping chihuahua, the girl entered the house. The woman limped down the hall and flipped on the light switch in a small room. The

DON'T FORGET! The National SMM offering is due March 10. SMM is WMC's daughter organization, and has served as a training ground for many ladies who are now active in WMC. As "mothers", we can help in the training of our "daughters".

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Even more important, however, is that each of us accept the challenge of Titus 2 and seek to have an impact for God in the lives of the girls around us.

only furnishings it contained were an organ and its bench, but the room was filled with stacks of music.

"I went through and picked out some of the pieces that would be easiest to begin with," the woman commented, pointing to a stack. "And this stack over here has the next hardest, and this one the next. If you need any help, I'll be out in the garden."

Relieved to be left totally to herself, the girl began to experiment with the sounds of the organ. Time slipped away swiftly in the big house. "How kind she is," the girl thought to herself, "to trust me with her organ." This was, after all, the girl's first visit to the home of the lady who was to be her "prayer partner" in SMM this year.

Finally the woman appeared in the doorway. "Your mother called," she said. "It's time for you to go home, but she gave her permission for you to stay long enough to have some cookies and punch."

While they ate their snack in the sunny kitchen, the woman asked the girl questions about her recent move from another state, her adjustment to her new school, and her SMM group. She took time to listen to the girl's concerns, and slowly the shy girl began to open up.

As the woman saw the girl to the door, she said, "Come back soon and practice. I hope that some day you will take my place as church organist, and I will be able to sit back and listen."

Neither of them suspected then that the girl would soon suffer a hearing loss that would thwart her dreams of being a musician. Some might say the woman had wasted her time, because the girl never did take over as church organist. But if the woman was disappointed, she never showed it. Over the years, even after her official responsibility as the girl's prayer partner had ended, she continued to seek out the girl and say, "How are you doing? I'm praying for you."

The girl felt herself drawn to the woman, who did more listening than lecturing or preaching. It was the woman's humility before God and her fellow humans that most touched the girl, causing her to determine that this was the kind of person she wanted to become.

When the girl was preparing to go to college, the woman, then well into her eighties, presented the

girl with a gold chain and mother-of-pearl pendant. "My mother died when I was young, but I have never forgotten her teachings. That was her necklace. I want it to go to someone who will love the Lord like my mother did."

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Almost twenty years later, in a church two thousand miles away, a group of SMM leaders were planning how they would team up ladies and girls to be "special friends."

"The problem is, I don't know what to do about Mary," one leader sighed. "She is hard to get along with and needs a lot of teaching about the basics of the Christian walk. She is going to require a lot of extra attention."

"Oh, please assign her to me," a woman nearby exclaimed. "In fact, I could give her a ride home after the meeting tonight so we can get acquainted."

That night, as the woman and girl left the church, the woman kept fingering the mother-of-pearl necklace she wore.

Note: "Special Friends" is a program within SMM that encourages one-on-one contact between a

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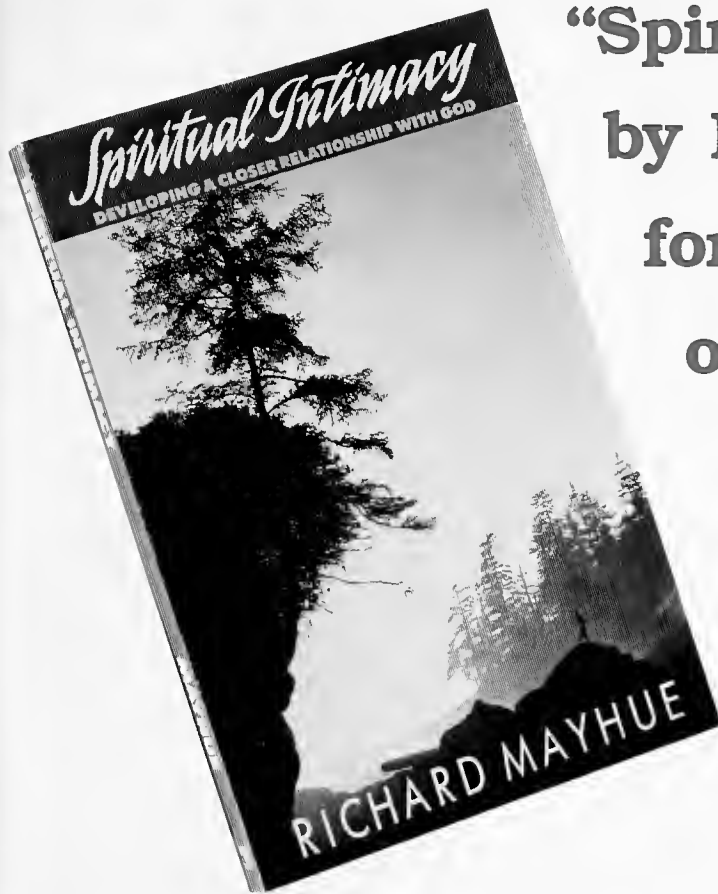
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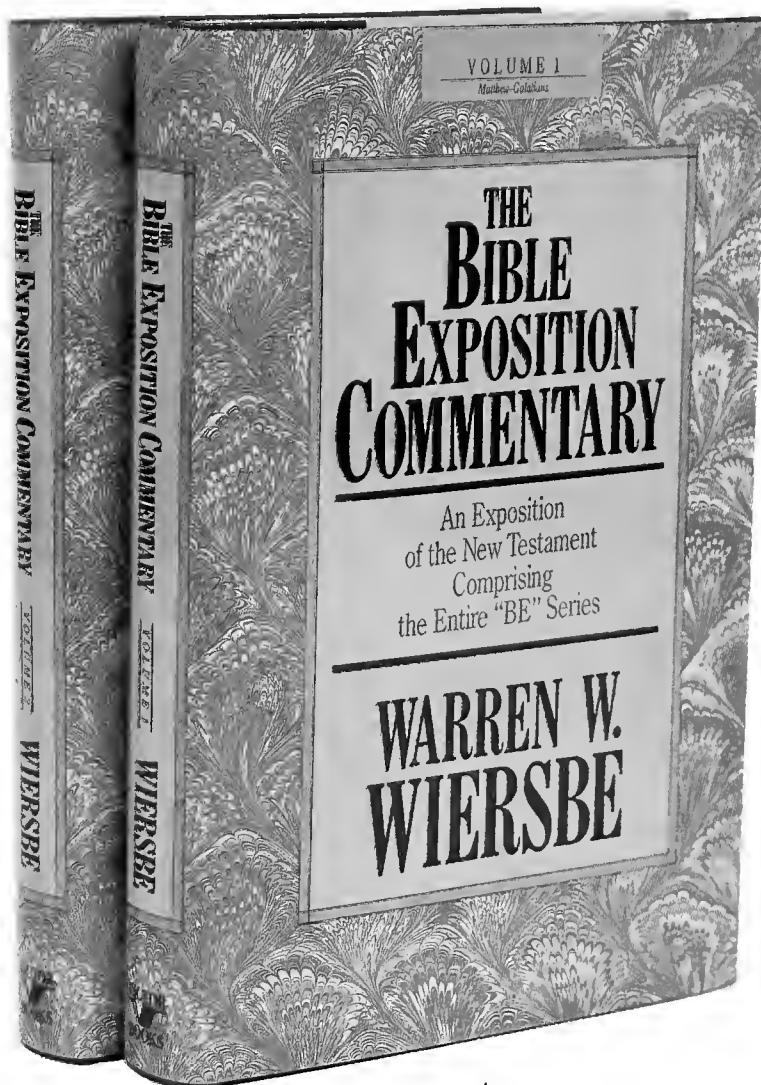
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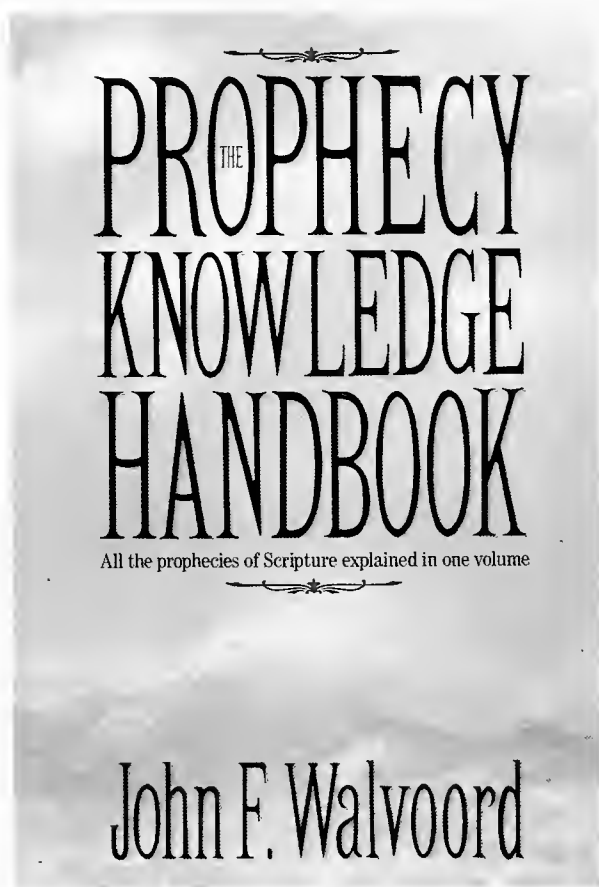
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John F. Walvoord is Chancellor of Dallas Theological Seminary. He served as its second president from 1952 to 1986, and was on the Dallas faculty for fifty years. The Prophecy Knowledge Handbook is Dr. Walvoord's nineteenth book.

A nation at war . . . with all of the other changes of the past year, it is not surprising that a war would come along. We had plenty of other changes so why not a war? When the Russians went bankrupt as well as the savings and loans in the United States, there was the signal for change.

Down came the Berlin wall and up went McDonald's in Moscow. The stone wall gave way to the golden arches. The people in Moscow were to experience a new taste. Fast food in Russia meant a two hour wait in line. We should have been alerted to changes and yes, they have come. A world that was groping to find its way may have lost its direction.

Then came the news of summer. While we Brethren were enjoying the blessings of National Conference in Richmond, we all but missed the movement in the gulf and the invasion of a little country the size of New Jersey. I remember on the way back to Winona Lake listening for the first time to the happenings half a world away. We could do little to prepare ourselves for the changes that were to come.

Somehow I felt it would be one of those unfortunate events that would go away. It didn't . . . instead it kept getting more complicated. So complicated, that a matter of months later we were drawing a line in the sand for a war in the Middle East. Half a million Americans are over there now. More equipment has been moved in the shortest period of time in history.

Then the news came in the midst of the evening news broadcast: WAR! During the following days, our TV screens were filled with new pictures—Scuds and Patriots and pictures of Israel under siege. We were just not ready for it all, but are we ever ready for blood, bombings and death? It is the first war to be visually presented during prime time TV.

People are confused and well they should be because the change came so quickly. All of the warning signs were there, and we did not take time to look. As we look forward, there is nothing but more confusion. How will it all turn out and when will the war be over? Will we adjust to a new kind of war . . . with mothers and daughters and fathers and sons in endless miles of sand?

The world is trying to find its way and the road is not easy, but a world without God has a very unique problem of finding its way. When people face death and there is no hope beyond life, it can be very terrifying to face uncertainty. Even for Christians there are questions of great import. What is right? What is wrong? Duty to country and duty to God can become conflicts in the heart and conscience.

Time has brought its change and time will continue to bring its changes. Questions of where we are in the history of God's timeline is in the front of people's minds. Only God knows the time and the place where we now stand. But it should bring a desire to find something of certainty in a world of change. It is easy to speculate that the end times are written all over these events, but it is very difficult to be absolutely certain.

So, back to certainty, we are asked to be faithful in every circumstance of our life; to be obedient to truth as we see it revealed in scripture. In war or in peace the duty of God's children is to be a witness for Him and to reflect Christ's love to a world that is not ready for change.

January 15th changed the world. How it all turns out is beyond our control on the big scale. But there is a small part of the world over which we do have control—that is our own lives. For this we not only have opportunity, but we also have responsibility.



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BIBLE READING HONOR ROLL

If you have read through the Bible in 1990, we'd like to list your name on our honor roll. Let us hear from you!

The following faithful Bible readers are from the Grace Brethren Church in Kenai, Alaska:

Mr. John Snyder

Mrs. Marlene Snyder

Mrs. Gene Sipperly

Mrs. Kathy Boling

Mr. Jim Welborn

Mr. Mark Welborn

Pastor Chris Hay

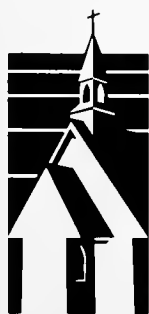
Mr. John Evans, of the Eastside GBC in Columbus, Ohio also read through the Bible.

My dad is starting out the New Year right! He's opening a GBIF savings account in my name.

“Ask your dad (grandparents are good too) to establish a savings account for you today. They make great gifts and help you learn all that stuff grown-ups always talk about—you know; financial responsibility, saving toward college, and ministry.

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1991 Conference of Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches To Be Held at Columbus, Ohio . . . Plan to Attend!

by Jerry Young, Conference Moderator

Five hundred years ago, Cristoforo Colombo left the shores of Spain in search of a western route to the Indies. He was Italian by birth, related by marriage with two important families of Portugal. To be a success, he needed only to follow the upward curve of merchant shipping.

But he wanted more. A devout Christian, he wanted to do more with his life than simply accumulate wealth. He offered his skills to Spain for "la Empresa de las Indias," the Enterprise of the Indies. The rest is history.

People in Grace Brethren Churches want more. They want more than "status-quo-don't-rock-the-boat" Christianity. They want churches that vibrate with life. Churches that go some place for God.

But going some place requires movement from the known to the unknown. Sometimes it means sailing west in order to go east. That must have seemed preposterous to people in 1492. But it was an absolutely beautiful idea to Columbus.

The annual conference of Grace Brethren Churches will be held this July in a city named for the famous explorer, in a church renowned

for its vision and growth: the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, Ohio.

Beginning with 14 families in 1964, the church gathers 3,100 people in its Sunday morning services. Perhaps more importantly, the congregation and its pastor have inspired vision and hope in other Grace Brethren Churches both here and abroad.

They invite you to an absolutely beautiful conference this July. The gathering will be something Grace Brethren have never experienced before, and perhaps will never experience again. After all, a new world can only be discovered once.

The Columbus Brethren want you to come early and stay late. They want you to slow down and savor the joy of new friends. They want you to stay in their homes and play with their families. They want you to catch a dream and ride it home.

Now, while the city busies itself to celebrate the quincentennial of the new world's discovery, they invite you to lay your own plans. Block out the dates in your calendar. Watch for registration information as it comes to your churches. Come to Columbus this year.

(See conference schedule on opposite page)



Program Plans for Annual Conference 1991

Segment One Friday, July 19 - Thursday, July 25

Boards and Committees meet to accomplish important leadership tasks in our national and international ministries. The Grace Brethren Home Missions Council begins the segment with meetings on Friday through the following Tuesday. On Sunday, Grace Brethren leaders visit nearly 40 Grace Brethren Churches scattered throughout northern Ohio. The Fellowship Council meets Tuesday night through Thursday afternoon.

Segment Two Thursday, July 25 - Saturday, July 27

The Church Leadership Seminar begins, featuring integrated training provided by Grace Brethren Home Missions, Grace Brethren Foreign Missions, Grace Schools and CE National. The Grace Brethren Church of Columbus is hosting this Seminar. All coordination and registration is in the hands of the host church.

The Seminar opens Thursday night with a fellowship reception and closes Saturday night with a musical concert.

Segment Three Sunday, July 28 - Thursday, August 1

Group Meetings of the Conference begin with a Sunday morning Moderator's address and an evening missions program. All meetings will be held to 90 minutes or less. Sunday morning services are at 8:30 and 10:30. Evening meetings begin at 6:30.

The daily schedule for Monday and Tuesday is as follows:

8:30- 9:30	Devotions and training directed by CE National
9:45-10:45	Missions around the world
11:15-12:45	Simultaneous sessions (WMC, GBMI, Ministers)
2:30- 3:30	Conference business sessions
6:30- 8:00	Communion on Monday, praise service on Tuesday

Wednesday follows the same schedule except that all corporation business sessions will be held from 9:45 am - 12:45 pm. The rest of the day will be free. Delegates may pursue interests of their choice.

Thursday follows the same schedule as Monday and Tuesday, except that the Moderator-Elect speaks at the 8:30 hour. Conference closes with an evening of praise.

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Interviews with 1990-91 WMC Missionaries of the Year



**Beckie Kiddoo
England**

Children: Laura - 9 years; Lynn - 6 years; Leslie - 2 years

Favorite song: "The Church's One Foundation"

Favorite Bible verse: Job 23:10, *But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will forth as gold.*

How were you saved? I was raised in a Christian home, but at about 6 years old in an evangelistic service at our church I realized the need to make Christ my *personal* Savior. Although I don't recall the date I remember feeling as if a great weight had been lifted from me.

Describe how you were led to the mission field: Bill began to correspond with Dave Kowalke (whom he'd known in high school in London). Dave encouraged us to consider coming to England. Dave and Susie Hobert spoke at our home church (Lanham, MD, GBC) and encouraged us to attend EMI. We decided that since Lynn would only be one, and children weren't allowed, that wasn't the year for us, but we sent in our applications anyway. At the time my Dad was suffering from what in his sixties would have been termed Alzheimer's, but in his eighties was considered "normal brain deterioration." My mom, who is twenty years younger, seemed to be dying with him. The Dr. said that he could live for years, because nothing that was wrong with him would kill him. In December 1984, I told Bill, "I know you can't make deals with God, but if He'll just take my dad home I'll go anywhere." On January 2, 1985 my dad died of a major heart attack. (Incidentally, just a couple years prior to this my dad had been told he had a twenty year old man's heart!) I knew we were headed for England. My mom retired and kept Lynn, who survived just fine. Our time at EMI in the summer of 1985 confirmed to both Bill and me

that this is where God wants us.

Describe what you consider to be the most rewarding experience of your missionary career: I wish I could say that leading people to Christ and discipling them has been my most rewarding experience, but that hasn't happened. In light of that, I'd have to say that my most rewarding and at the same time frustrating experience has been realizing that God has only called me to be faithful. *He* alone produces fruit.

Tell us how we WMC ladies can best support your ministry: I'll use what people think of as the standard missionary line and say "pray for us". Until we arrived in England I thought it was just dutifully tacked on to each prayer letter. Now I know, and continue to learn, that prayer keeps me going.

Beckie Kiddoo has contributed this poem, with the suggestion that we attach it to our refrigerators to remind us of how to pray for our missionaries:

Dear God,

Teach me to pray for missionaries just as
I pray for myself.

Help me not to idolize them or place them
on a shelf.

They're just as human as I am, with
headaches just like me.

They get depressed like I do when results
they do not see.

They get homesick for their families who
are father away than mine.

They long for a break in the awful heat or
for a day of sunshine.

They have to get along with their team-
mates who don't always think the same
way.

Their ideas may be different, but tempers
they shouldn't display.

Make this a constant reminder to me as
daily I open this door,

To pray specifically for missionaries as I
never have before.

Help me to "reach out and touch
someone" with power I cannot know
Unless to the Source of all power daily I
choose to go.

Amen.



**Kathy Harrell
Chad**

Favorite song: "O Worship the King"

Favorite Bible verse: Jer. 29:11, *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

How were you saved? I was saved at 11 years of age. A friend of the family received Christ and I realized I had never made that decision. So I prayed to receive Christ on March 26, 1967.

Describe how you were led to the mission field: I went on the TIME program to the Navajo Mission the summer of 1976 and to C.A.R. from 1977-79. I loved being a missionary!

Describe what you consider to be the most rewarding experience of your missionary career: Being able to point others to Christ and help them grow in Him.

Tell us how we WMC ladies can best support your ministry: Pray for us and don't lose your vision for why you exist as an organization.

Do you have any comment for the WMC ladies: You ladies have been a tremendous source of encouragement to us through the years. Your words, "we're praying for you" as we meet and spend time with you, help us to continue to do the work God has called us to do in Chad. Thank you!!



**Rosa O. Churchill
Mexico**

Children: Carlos - 20 years old; Lila - 17 years old

Favorite song: "My Tribute"

Favorite Bible verse: Matthew 6:33, *But seek first*

his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

How were you saved? I was invited by friends to a home Bible study where I heard the plan of salvation. That same night at home I accepted Christ. For a year I continued, along with my husband, who at first objected then accepted, attending the Bible class. At the recommendation of our teacher we were baptized and joined the San Ysidro Grace Brethren Church.

Describe how you were led to the mission field: My husband Nicolas was called to be lay pastor of a Grace Brethren mission in Tijuana, Mexico. We served there several years before he was called to heaven. Several years later I married Jack Churchill, a widowed GBFM missionary in Mexico. We continue to serve together in Mexico.

Describe what you consider to be the most rewarding experience of your missionary career: Just being married to Jack and being able to continue serving the Lord among my own people.

Tell us how we WMC ladies can best support your ministry: 1. Through prayer - for my ministry to my husband, my children and the people in Mexico. 2. Through seeking out and encouraging prospective missionaries for Mexico. 3. Through any approved GBFM projects for Mexico that the Lord leads to take.

Do you have any comment for the WMC ladies: The blessings I have received through WMC rallies and retreats in the U.S. have encouraged me to help organize and carry out similar programs here in Mexico. I have had the satisfaction of seeing the women blessed, especially younger ones who felt that WMC was not for them.

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(send before March 10)

Grace Schools

Goal: \$8,000

Project: Entrances to McClain Hall

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of Girls' Ministries**

(SMM — CE National)

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Student Ministries

Grace College senior Jennifer Anderson had an idea two years ago. She called it "The Halloween Alternative."

Kraig Blair, Director of Student Ministries, explains. "We gave her some money, but she went ahead and did it all herself. It has turned into one of the most significant ministries at Grace." Up to 1,000 youngsters attended the 1990 "Halloween Alternative," enjoying the game booths, prizes, puppets and candy.



That kind of student initiative is not new to Grace College student organizations. "We can help to provide some structure and finances, but it is up to the students to recruit other students. They make their organizations fly," says Blair. "Grace students have pride in their school; they care about their testimony for Christ, and it shows up in their student organizations."

While many colleges have a hard time rounding up twenty people for a ministry project, hundreds of Grace students show up for the annual "Heart of the Holidays," a Christmas community ministry. It is one of the biggest highlights of the year for some people in the areas of Winona Lake and Warsaw, Indiana, near the college. Adult and children's programs are part of the event, but Grace students do more than sing and tell stories. Needy community residents leave with armfuls of used clothing, new toys, and bags of groceries. Some even carry home a decorated Christmas tree.

Grace Ministries in Action (GMA) plans both of these events. Of course, there is a lot more to GMA. Three teams of students go to the inner cities of Chicago, Cleveland, and Indianapolis several times each semester. Two Timothy Teams minister to church youth groups. Some students visit the elderly in local nursing homes; others minister to high school students through Youth for Christ and

Athletic Outreach. Once a week, several Grace men play basketball with inmates from the county jail. Because of this contact, they also get a chance to share their testimony following the games. Some concerned students participate in Right to Life activities, including the annual march in Washington D.C. Riverwood Ranch, a local facility for delinquent youths, gives Grace Students another opportunity for ministry.

The SAB also is an "encourager and morale booster to the Grace campus," Blair says.

The "Beyer Murder Mystery" is one example. Hosted at the old Beyer Mansion, this night of contrived intrigue gives Grace students a chance to do some old fashioned sleuthing, complete with formal dress and attending butlers and maids.

Besides concerts, an annual skiing weekend in Michigan, a fall hayride, on-campus events, roller skating, and mini-golf, SAB gives Grace students a chance to do some original projects. This is the second year for a Grace student film production. Coming off in late March is *Screwtape*, *The Movie*, and "Grace Night of the Improv" gives the show business-inclined students a chance to entertain their peers.

"Spring Into Action" gives students a chance to get dirty painting a house for a community resident or pulling debris out of the Winona Lake canal. Once each semester, students donate blood to the Red Cross Blood Mobile which sets up shop in the Lancer Gymnasium.

So what makes these Grace student organizations uncommon? On top of the fact that Grace students take charge of these activities - on their own - it is the character of the students themselves that has made a difference on this campus.

Kraig Blair explains: "Most of these student positions are paid positions at other colleges. Last year, Student Senate had a budget of \$1,300.00. I know of another Christian college with a \$100,000 senate budget. Other schools that have the dollars and the paid positions would like to have the heart that our students have. I'm so proud of our students and their heart, their effort, their energy."

Basketball Team Travels to Europe

Coach Jim Kessler, his staff and the team left December 29 from Chicago on a flight that would take them to uncharted lands for the Lancers, as for the first time the annual trip would take the Lancers' out of the Western Hemisphere on a tour filled with basketball and ministry opportunities.

The team spent 18 days in Europe over Christmas break.

Kessler said basketball was a fun part of the trip, but he was more impressed with the welcome Grace received. "They really rolled out the red carpet," Kessler said of the hosting cities. "Sport has a universal way of making those kind of connections between people."

The tour took Grace to Lyon, Montceau, LeCreusot and Dijon in France, and then on to the Black Forest Academy and Aalen in Germany. The itinerary was planned so the trip could assist the efforts of Grace Brethren missionaries in France and Germany, which turned out to be the high point of the 2½ weeks. The crowds were substantial for most of the contests, which was a great benefit for the missionaries, who often have a difficult time making contacts, especially with men.

"It was something to see missionaries with tears in their eyes when they saw all the potential contacts these games made," said Kessler.

But the missionaries were not the only ones impacted by the trip. "When missionaries say to pray for them, it's because they realize how important it really is, and now we do too," Kessler stated. "Sometimes it seems they are all alone. We have a deeper appreciation for what missionaries do. Several of our guys said they want to personally support a missionary when they get out of school and have the opportunity to do so, and some are even beginning to think about becoming missionaries themselves."

It was a chance conversation which led to the journey.

"In a passing comment to Dean (Bruce) Barlow, I mentioned how nice it would be to go to Europe, but that we probably couldn't afford it," Kessler said. Then, when we began talking prices, we

found that at that time of year we could fly to Europe for less money than it would cost to fly to Seattle."

Each player was required to raise a portion of his expenses, but in light of the outcome, that investment would appear to have eternal benefits.

Low Student Loan Default Rates

Grace College graduates pay off their student loans.

According to Clif Palmer, Grace College's Associate Director of Student Financial Aid Services, the U.S. Department of Education recently reported that the student loan default rate among Grace College alumni is 2.6 percent. That rate, Palmer says, is considerably below the national average of five to 10 percent.

Palmer attributes students' Christian heritage as the biggest single reason for this positive record. "Most of the students at Grace College have grown up in a Christian environment, and they feel a moral obligation to pay their loans," he explains.

Palmer also said that in connection with the recent efforts by the Federal Government to reduce student loan defaults, Grace College now requires that each new student have an entrance interview before receiving student loans. In addition, students go through an exit interview before graduating. The interviews, Palmer says, provide students with complete explanations about obligations that accompany student loans.

"We also make it clear to students that any time they have questions about their loans, they should feel free to ask us."

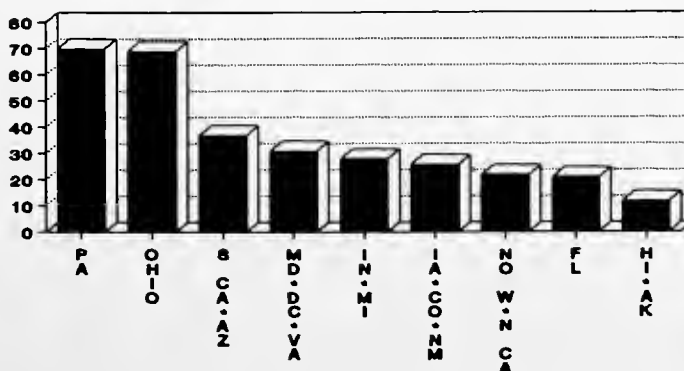
Where Are The Brethren?

Editor's note: This is a series of charts and information on where Grace Brethren are located and their numbers.

In December we looked at the international locations of Grace Brethren. Here is a graph which shows the areas where Grace Brethren Churches are located in the United States. We will follow this with the location of membership in the U.S.A.

Pennsylvania	70
Ohio	69
Southern California-Arizona	37
Maryland-DC-Virginia	31
Indiana-Michigan	28
Iowa-Colorado-New Mexico	26
Florida	21
Northwest-Northern California	22
Hawaii-Alaska	12

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NEWS UPDATE

Larry Sowers has resigned as pastor of the Maranatha Brethren Church of Hagerstown, MD, and has accepted the pastorate of the Vicksburg Grace Brethren Church of Hollidaysburg, PA.

Don Farner has accepted the call to become the pastor of the Ankenytown Grace Brethren Church, Bellville, OH. His address is: 20657 Old Mansfield Rd., Bellville, Oh 44813.

The Maranatha Brethren Church of Hagerstown, MD, is seeking a new pastor. Anyone interested should call 1-301/733-1717.

Louis Amundson has been called as the Associate Pastor of the Greatland Grace Brethren Church of Anchorage, AK. He began his new duties on January 1, 1991.

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Marriages

Efflandt: Memry Jensen and Kevin Efflandt were married on December 29, 1990, at the Community Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, CA. Kevin is serving as the youth pastor there.

Myers: Lola Ingalsbe of Yakima and Russell Myers of Selah, WA, were united in holy wedlock on July 6, 1990. Paul Brook, pastor.

Deaths

Baum, Glendoris, 87, January 2, 1991. She was the mother of retired Grace Brethren Church Pastor F. Archer Baum, and a member of long-standing of the Grandview GBC, WA. Charles Winter officiated at the memorial service.



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Similar Stirrings Among Southern Baptists

(Second of a three-part series examining current trends in our nation. Condensed from the National and International Religion Report, Oct. 8, 1990. Used by Permission)

The Northwest Renewal bears resemblance to a movement among Southern Baptists that has been under way since September of 1989, when six Southern Baptists Convention (SBC) leaders issued a call for corporate prayer and public confession of sin. SBC churches that have conducted "solemn assemblies," as the gatherings are called, have reported results ranging from increased attendance to resolution of bitter church conflicts.

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Henry Blackaby, director of prayer and spiritual awakening for the SBC's Home Mission Board in Atlanta, says that behind the much-publicized news of power struggles and political mudslinging in his denomination is a quieter renewal movement that is growing in intensity. Like Dirks, Blackaby says tears are common in the prayer meetings: "I have wept more in the last eight months than I have in my entire ministry," he said in September. Over 400 pastors and prayer leaders met prior to the convention's July meeting in New Orleans, where, according to Blackaby, "a lot of people got their lives right with the Lord." During times of confession and repentance, Blackaby said, the group gained "an intense awareness that the problem [with our denomination] is in our relationship with God."

What could happen if the 43,000 Southern Baptist congregations in the nation experienced

renewal? "That is exactly what we are preparing the leadership of the convention for," said Blackaby. Not only are some SBC executives convening for the sole purpose of prayer and confession of sin, but leaders from other denominations are curiously eyeing the trend.

When the movement began one year ago, it seemed that solemn assemblies were triggering renewal primarily in small towns and outlying areas like Cameron, Texas, or Roswell, New Mexico. Today the trend is quietly gaining in emphasis and importance among denominational leaders. Morris Chapman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, Texas, and the new president of the denomination, says he is earnestly studying the dynamics of solemn assemblies. He also took part in a four-day prayer conference at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Encampment near Dallas to hear various speakers address the subject of revival. T.W. Hunt, an SBC Sunday School Board official, told the 350 conference participants that he was "impressed" by what he had seen of the new stirring of renewal. Hunt said he had seen Baptists "overwhelmed by God's dread holiness" during the prayer gatherings.

Richard Owen Roberts, a Congregational minister and revival historian who addressed the Baptists at Mt. Lebanon, warned his audience not to program the solemn concept. Blackaby assures his colleagues that it will not be promoted as a fad. "There is a deep moving of God in our leadership, but most Southern Baptists have never heard of solemn assembly. We haven't gone far enough into solemn assembly to have corrupted it yet," he explained. But he and other SBC leaders do exhibit a sense of urgency about their message. Some speakers at the Mt. Lebanon meeting wondered aloud whether the Southern Baptist Church is under the judgment of God—a judgment that can be averted only through prayer and genuine revival, they cautioned. Said Blackaby: "We've taken seriously what God has said to us to hurry to the people called Southern Baptist and say, 'God has given us one more chance.' What a tragedy if our leaders did not recognize the judgment of God."

(To be concluded next month)

What Can An Infant Church Do?

In a recent letter from Dr. Lester Pifer, he reported on some of the accomplishments of the **North Port, Florida**, Grace Brethren Church which he founded less than two years ago. Here is a partial list of what God has done for/through this small group of faithful believers during the time that Pastor Pifer served in his retirement on a part time basis:



Dr. Lester Pifer

1. Church emerged from a home Bible study to become an organized church, incorporated with tax-free status.

2. Facilities rented in the North Port Mall for public services.

3. A permanent church site of 3.6 acres purchased; the small congregation raised \$14,600 in cash; the balance was borrowed from the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation.

4. The church has adopted partial support of two foreign missionaries and set goals for both Home and Navajo Missions commitments.

5. The first full time pastor has been called and will begin his ministry in mid-March. He is Ed DeZago, formerly pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Ft. Myers, Florida and, most recently pastor of an independent Bible church in Palatine, Illinois.



Pastor Ed DeZago

News from other Home Missions Churches

Pastor Don Bowlin of **Rio Rancho, New Mexico**, reports that the congregation is rejoicing in the evident blessing of God as 1990 came to a close. Seven people were baptized in December and two other men transferred membership, and the nine were assimilated in La Mesa Grace Church.



Pastor Don Bowlin

In a recent Sunday morning service, a man came forward at the invitation to rededicate his life to God, promising to serve Him faithfully. After prayer, he looked at the people, then at the pastor and said, "Pastor, I hope you have something for me to do." You can be sure, that Pastor Bowlin responded in the affirmative!

From **Northeast Columbus, Ohio**, Pastor Will Marling writes about the work at the Rocky Ridge Grace Brethren Church: "I am excited because the spiritual battle lines have been drawn and Satan is concerned about losing territory. I have been privileged to see some tremendous events in the lives of people. A man who found it difficult to discuss spiritual issues, now has a renewed confidence in the God who has planted this church.



Pastor Will Marling

"Numerous families have been drawn into the ministry through the relationship and outreach of

our attenders, asking significant spiritual questions and finding hope through Bible teaching and authentic relationships. One couple even is driven to be considered a part of the ministry though they have yet to become Christians - they are not sure what is happening, but they know it is real!

"Of course, church planting is *always* a challenge, but the spiritual satisfaction is *always* greater."

Ministry Opportunity Available

The Grace Brethren Home Missions Council is seeking a qualified person to serve in its Winona Lake office as controller of its three corporations (Home Missions, Investment Foundation, Navajo Mission). The individual chosen for this position will manage the financial office of the Mission and should be experienced in accounting systems, financial analysis, computer support systems, and other management responsibilities. Interested parties may request a job description and application by writing P.O. Box 587, Winona Lake, IN, 46590, Attn. Jesse Deloe, or phone 219/267-5161.

Pastor Joe Cosentino, Lake County Grace Brethren Church, **Willoughby, Ohio**, is rejoicing in recent evangelism opportunities. An eleven-year old girl, named Jacquie, came up to the pastor one Sunday and asked, "Pastor Joe, can you come to my house and tell me how to get saved?" Joe says "That's a truly prepared heart."

He also relates an opportunity to share the Gospel as he was leaving his office one evening. Chuck, from a neighboring office, began a conversation which turned to spiritual things, resulting in Chuck's placing his trust in Christ that night.

And this is all before an Evangelism Explosion ministry began in the Church in February.

Escanaba is in **Michigan's upper peninsula**. It's good hunting territory. (Pastor Gary Hable boasts that he and his son put four deer in the freezer this year.) More importantly, he reports on the blessings of their ministry.

"Last quarter we divided our mid-week service into two Adult Bible Fellowships. This has proven to be a real blessing. Through those ministries we have seen three people come to Christ. Now comes the job of training them in righteousness. As you know, new Christians need a lot of love, care, and guidance. Please pray for them."

One of the couples leading an ABF moved from Warsaw, Indiana, to assist in the ministry. Pastor Hable writes that "Stan and Julie Martin are having a wonderful ministry with the youth, involving them in a puppet ministry. They are also doing an excellent job with their ABF, indicating that this adult ministry is the highlight of their week."

The congregation of the Grace Brethren Church in the Princess city of **Mishawaka, Indiana**, is rejoicing in their mortgage-burning on December 30th. "Our five acres of debt-free land," as Pastor Scott Weaver says, "is just waiting for us to place a new building upon it."

They dedicated a new set of flags in January and took the occasion to honor servicemen in Saudi Arabia. Two of their members are there, including U.S. Army chaplain Phil Spence.



Pastor Joe Cosentino



Pastor Gary Hable

A Look at Last Year

by Pastor Charles Thornton, Millersburg, Ohio, Grace Brethren Church

Here are some memorable events in the experience of the church in 1990:

1. The joy of new families involved in the fellowship (and he lists five).
2. Sadness at the death of a church family member but happiness in a marriage in the church.
3. A great Valentine Dinner, fifth Sunday celebrations, and an outdoor worship service and picnic.
4. Visiting missionaries who sharpened vision.
5. Encouragement by many supporters from a distance who offered prayer and gave gifts.
6. Joy in an effective, well-planned DVBS (their first) and a record attendance of 105 at the best Christmas program ever.
7. A good workday at someone's home that provided "blessed blisters" but also sweet fellowship in ministry.
8. A "Spirit of the Season" project by the Women of Grace.



Pastor Charles Thornton

Thanks, WMC Ladies!

The women of our Grace Brethren Churches across the country have, once again, demonstrated their commitment to God and their support of church-planting in America. We recently received a generous check from the national treasurer, indicating that the ladies had chosen to provide funding for the following projects:

1. Materials and equipment for the Hispanic work in **Yakima Valley, Washington** (Pastor Abner Solano).
2. Improvements at the appalachian mountain work at the Victory Mountain Grace Brethren Church, **Dry Hill, Kentucky** (Pastor Sam Baer).
3. Computer hardware and software for the **promotion department** in the home office of Grace Brethren Home Missions.

Over the years, WMC ladies have manifested Christ in a great number of ways. Grace Brethren Home Missions is particularly grateful for scores of thousands of dollars that have been given to fund special projects across America! We thank God for your love and support, ladies!

Personal Reflections

I have been encouraged by many to open up a limited number of pages of the Herald magazine to the expression of opinions and beliefs regarding the baptism/membership issue in the Grace Brethren Church. No practical means of such an exchange has been available to persons following last year's national conference. A forum plan was adopted at the 1989 conference, but has not been implemented in a workable fashion to date. No exchanges which involve the names of other persons will be included. The use of the Herald magazine makes the information available to lay persons as well as to ministers. No editing will be done on any of the articles and it is understood that the material does not have the endorsement of the Herald, the Fellowship or the local church — it reflects the personal position of the individual author.

—Charles W. Turner, publisher

By Russell L. Williams
Grace Brethren Church, Orangevale, CA

Does Our Lord Care How We Are Baptized?

To the best of my knowledge there are a number of things on which the Brethren agree. They agree the only form of baptism is not for salvation. They agree baptism is not for church membership. They agree the only form of baptism they will practice is "Triune" immersion. I realize some may call it "trine" rather than "triune." There is a distinct difference.

In 1964 action was taken to receive those into membership who had been baptized by single immersion if a local church so chose. As far as I know no church in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches will receive anyone into membership who has been sprinkled or poured—yet!

In this article I am going to approach the question from an entirely different perspective. Does it make any difference to our *Commander in Chief* how a person is baptized? Isn't this the bottom line?

Let us lay some background. In Scripture there are different kinds, not forms, of baptism. There is a baptism of suffering, baptism by fire, baptism of the Holy Spirit and water baptism. Then there is Jewish baptism, John's baptism and Christian baptism. The Jews baptized proselytes and also practiced frequent baptisms. John's baptism was "baptism unto repentance" and is not Christian baptism. The question of re-baptism, as we know it today did not come up because there was no problem. Thousands were baptized on the day of Pentecost. Most, if not all of these, had been baptized because they were Jews, and many had also been baptized because they were followers of John the Baptist. Those on the day of Pentecost affirmed the validity of their previous baptism by

being re-baptized.

I will be referring to Romans 6 later, but unless one believes baptism is for salvation this passage can only refer to the baptism of the Holy Spirit which every believer receives the moment we come to Jesus Christ.

The four Gospels are each unique. John presents Jesus Christ as very God, equal with the Father; Luke presents Jesus as the *perfect* man; Mark presents Jesus as the *perfect* servant; while Matthew presents Jesus as the *perfect* King, or "King of the Jews." Then, when the Risen Lord speaks in Matthew 28:18 and says, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth," He is speaking as *Lord* of lords and *King* of kings. Why did He give the Great Commission here and does it matter to Him how it is observed? After all, isn't this the real issue?

***"... In the name of the
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and of the Holy Spirit."
... a perfect picture of
a God who is one yet three ...
this is the very heart
of our Christian faith!***

At National Conference a few years ago a speaker made the statement, "Nothing happens in the mind of the listener apart from specific pictures." I believe our Lord is the perfect Teacher and knew this!

While our Lord was here He was "fulfilling" the law. He could not give specific pictures to His Church until this was completed. The dividing line is found in John 13:1-4. He gave two pictures which cover the very basic foundational truths of His message to His Church. The first is the Communion Service, which we will not discuss here, except to point out it was as God He knelt and washed His disciples feet. Only God can cleanse the believer's walk. The second is the Great Commission. Let us look at it.

"All authority is given to me in heaven and in earth, You go and (1) disciple all nations, (2) baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (3) teaching them to

do *all* that I commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age."

There are at least three pictures in His baptismal command which are foundational to our Christian faith. First, is separation from the old life and the world. In the early church baptism was much more public than today. It was held by a river or some other public place. The world saw them and separation was as much an action of the world as it was of them. Of course when one comes to Christ He delivers him from the shame and bondage of sin but there is another aspect I believe we need to emphasize. Barnabas told Paul, "You arise. You be baptized. You wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord." Through the years so many have rejoiced because of the habits and emotions they left behind as they stepped forth from the baptismal water.

The second picture is identity with Christ in His dying. As I said, I believe Romans 6 is speaking of Spirit baptism. However, it lays down a very foundational truth for water baptism v:3 "That all of us who have been baptized into Jesus Christ, have been baptized into His *death*." v:4 "Therefore, we have been buried with Him through baptism into *death*." v:5 "if we have been united with Him in the likeness of His *death*." We are identified with a dying Christ, not a dead Christ. It is not Christ in the tomb but Christ on the cross. Depending upon life-style, there might be a difference of opinion as to how He was buried. There is no question as to how He died. In John 19:30 we read, "He bowed His head and surrendered His spirit." This is a perfect picture of complete surrender.

When we come to the final picture, it is the one of supreme importance to our Christian faith. "In the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Where, in Scripture, can you find a perfect picture of a God who is *one* yet three? Yet this is the very heart of our Christian faith! We find the picture we need in the baptism Christ commanded us. We go down into the water and come up out of the water. It is *one* baptism just as our God is *one*. While we are in the water there are three distinct and separate acts just as God is three distinct and separate beings. More than this, baptism reminds us we have a special relationship with each one. The Father loved us and gave His Son. Christ loved us and died for our sins. The Holy Spirit loved us and drew us to Christ then indwells us with His presence. This is not simple "trine" immersion. It is "triune" immersion for each dip reminds us of our relationship with one of the three persons of the Godhead. Incidentally single immersion only emphasized the Unity of God and was introduced by a man named Arias who did not

believe in the deity of Christ.

I am not going to try to answer for those who have chosen to follow a different course. I would challenge them with one question. Did our Commander in Chief, when He commanded us to baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit intend a three-fold action? If He did, then does an action of a body of believers some two thousand years later make His command invalid?

The real question then is not what have men made baptism to mean in the two thousand years since Christ commanded it? The real question is What did the *Lord* of lords and *King* of kings mean when He issued the command? If He intended sprinkling, then we should sprinkle. If He intended single immersion then we should only practice single immersion. But, if He intended Triune immersion, as I believe He did, then who are we to alter His command?

With this in mind let us look at the third part of the Great Commission! "You teach them to do all that I commanded you." The bottom line we must all answer is: Did our Commander in Chief command the disciples to baptize by Triune immersion? The corollary to this is, did He include this as one of the *all* things they were to teach those who followed them?

Let us say it in another way. Did our Commander in Chief have a specific form in mind when He commanded His followers to baptize those they discipled? Did He make it specific they were to observe this form and teach all who followed to observe it? Do we, two thousand years later, have authority to change this form? Are we going to obey our Commander in Chief or make our own rules?

Unless we have a special directive from our Commander in Chief, just where do we get the authority to accept other than the form He commanded?

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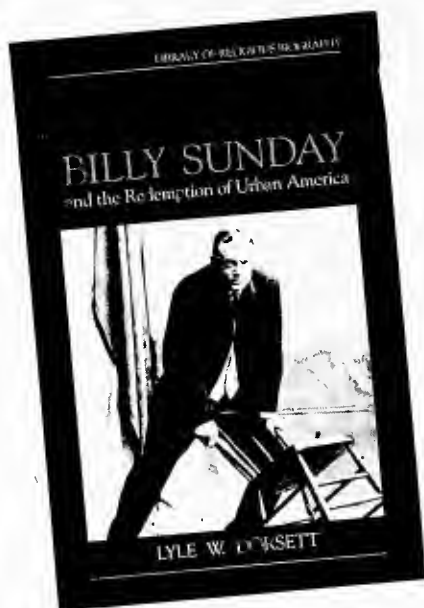
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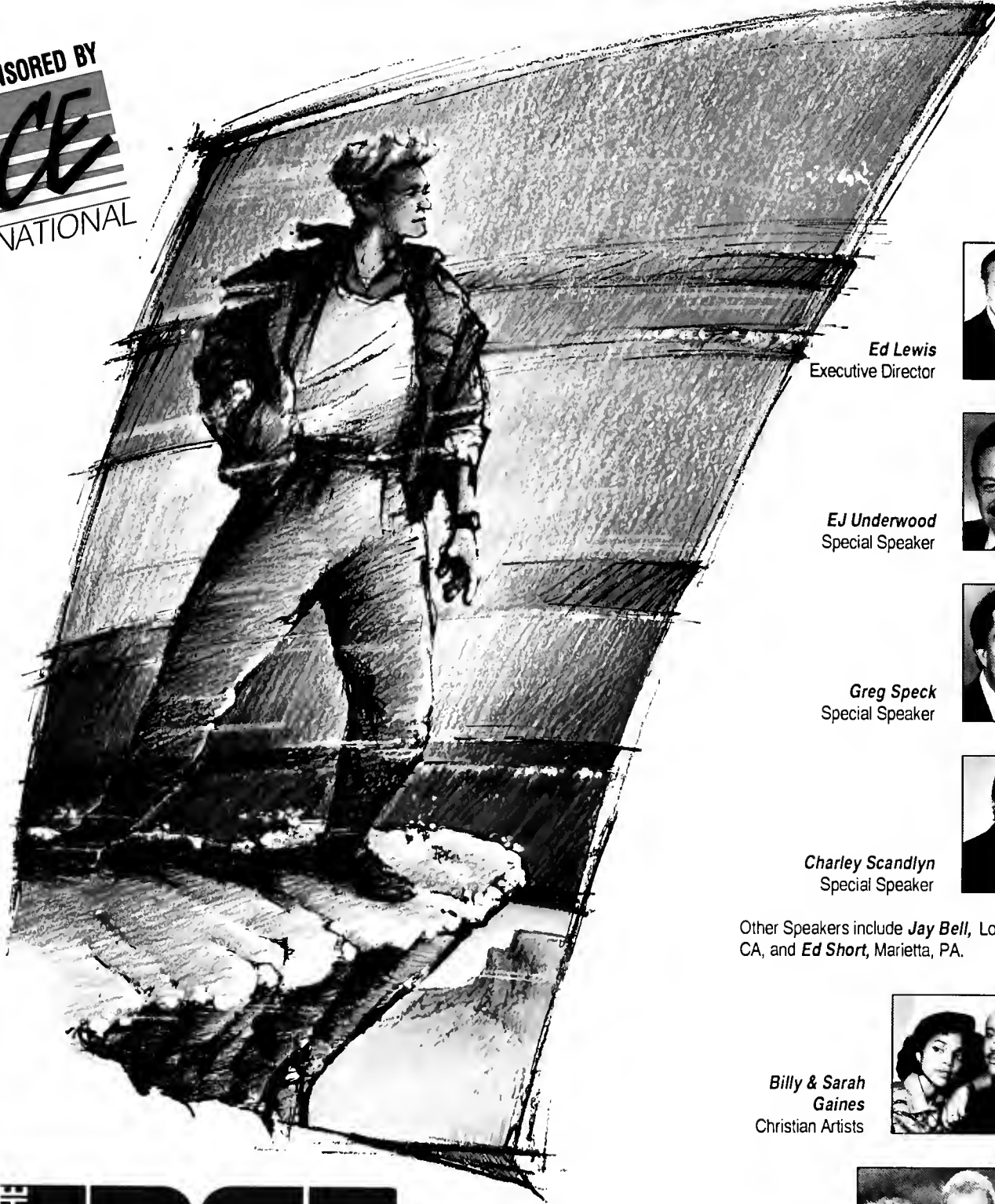
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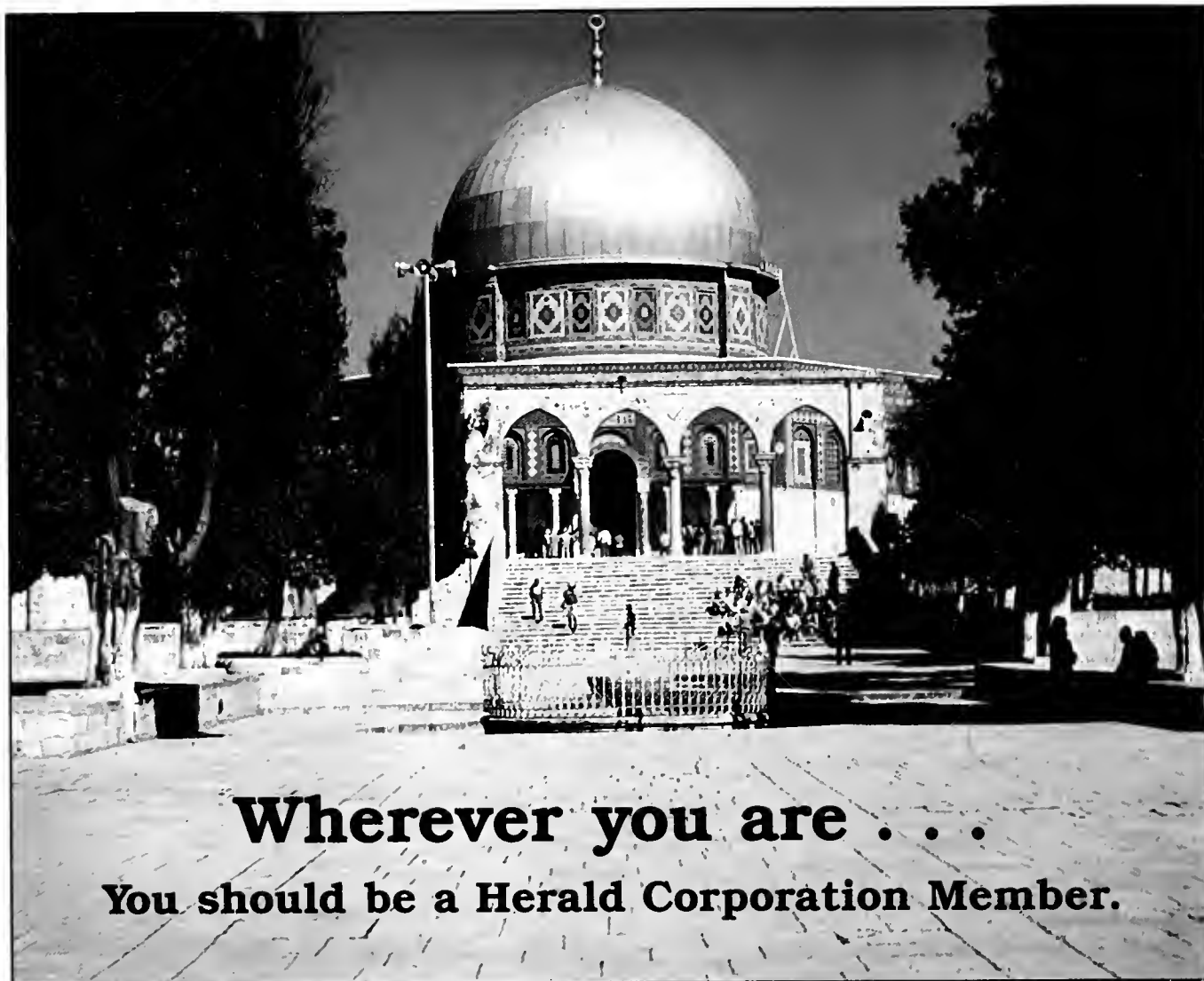
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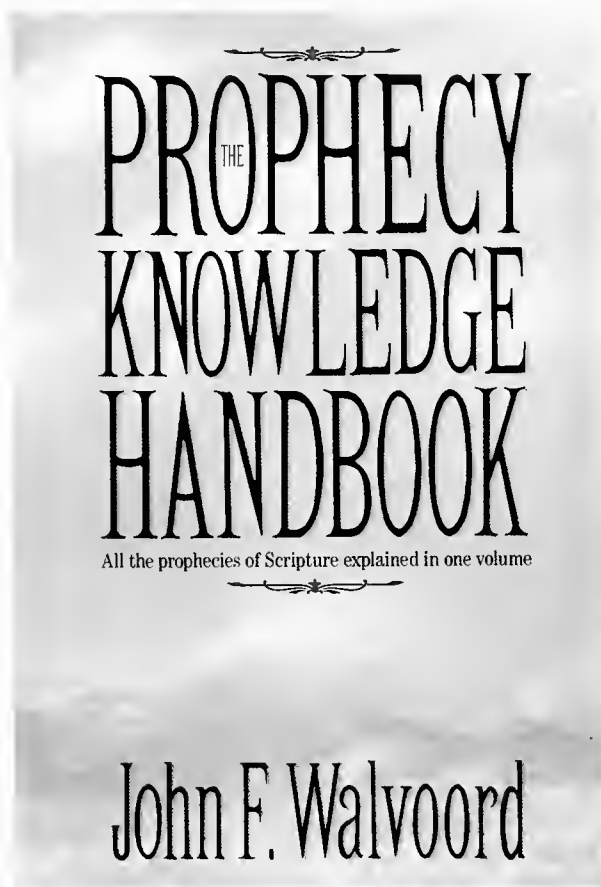


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We are living in a time when feet have never been so important or so little used. We do not walk much anymore and when it is possible to ride, we do. We will use a bicycle, a skateboard, a car, subway, train, bus or plane to avoid walking. We spend millions on school busses to get children to school. All this in the age of the best transportation with interstate highways ever devised by mankind!

I have often wondered what we are saving our feet for and now it has become clear. We have retained them for the purpose of decoration and adornment. This is the era of the sneaker. In large city schools you are known by what sneakers you wear. In fact, we are told young persons have been killed for their sneakers. You can lose your status if you do not wear the right brand. Recently a Marquette University basketball player stumbled during a nationally televised college game when his *L. A. Gear* sneakers fell apart. This is bad news!

Now, do not blame the young folks only . . . the sneaker fad has gripped every generation and nationality. Grandmothers wear them and great-grandmothers wear them, too. Sneakers are easy on your feet and hard on your budget. Sneakers by *Reebok* and *L. A. Gear*, sneakers that are tied and sneakers that are untied, in whites and reds and fluorescent. They are all cool, I am told. I do not remember them as cool as much as I remember them as hot boxes on my feet that did not breathe and when I took them off, no one could breathe. Recently in an airport I saw a lady from India in native garb, with a red mark on her forehead. I admired the traditions of people and how they retain their good old ways. When she sat down I noticed she was wearing what appeared to be a pair of *Air Jordans*, *Nikes*, I think they are. So much for tradition.

You can pump the things up,

wear them tall enough to reach half way to your knees, but, they have one thing in common . . . they all cost about a month's pay. We have progressed from the good old days when they were simple and only the poor kids in the neighborhood wore them, to their new exalted position . . . the king of clothing. I have not worn a pair for some 35 years, although I do admit having looked at a pair with the thought of seeing what made them such a hot item. When approached by a clerk, I passed it off as looking for something for the kids and lost myself in the crowds at the mall.

Actually it is the feet in the shoes that are the important thing. I can wear the same brand as Michael Jordan, but could not jump to his belt buckle. I could put on the shoes of the best hitter in the majors and strike out every time at bat. So one day I said to myself, "Charlie, it is not the sneakers that make the difference, it is in the feet".

Paul quoted an Old Testament prophet of God to help me see an important truth. The feet that are beautiful are the feet that bring good news. They bring the gospel of hope and life to people. God's people have for centuries been walking and preaching and telling others of the existence of the one true God—the God who created them and the God who loves them. They have walked through the streets of Jerusalem and into the prison cells of the world. They have walked to be burned at the stake. They have walked in the cold climes and the areas of the equator. They have walked into palaces and pulpits and they have brought the one bit of news that makes the difference . . . the good news that Christ died for the sins of the world. Now those are beautiful feet which could wear sneakers or satin slippers of the rich or not be able to afford a pair of shoes at all. But if they bear the message, they are beautiful!



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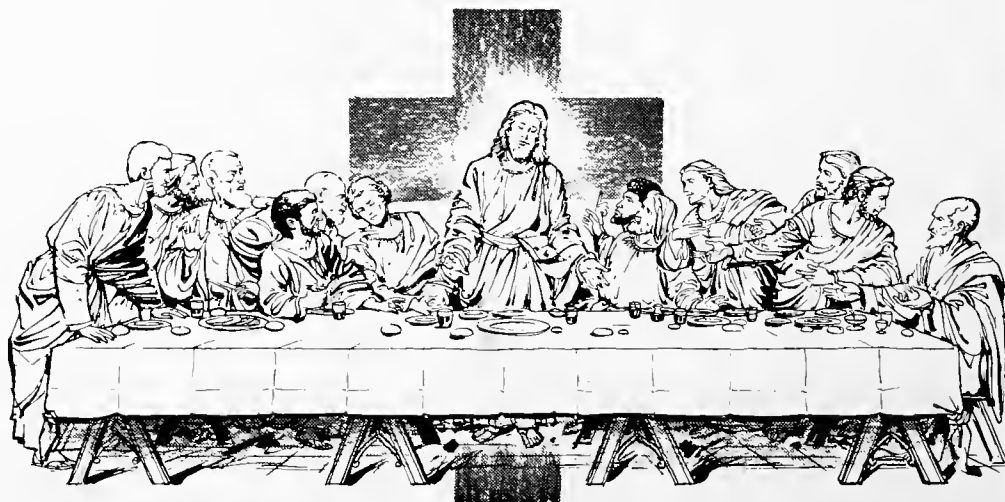
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Dr. Richard Dilling, Grace College golf coach, has announced that the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) has chosen the college as one of six locations for FCA's junior Golf Camps for the summer of 1991.

Grace College is the only educational institution chosen by the FCA for its Junior Golf Camp program. Sixty young golfers aged 13 to 18 will be housed on the Grace campus July 21-25.

Dr. Dilling said that the camp includes Bible study and small group discussions, along with golf instruction and practice. Several Grace College golf team members will assist as counselors, along with volunteer coaches, club professionals, and touring PGA professionals.

The camp will make use of Stonehenge Golf Club near the Grace campus.



On March 1, Jerry Young, chairman of the Grace Schools Board of Trustees, presented a plaque honoring Ted Franchino to Franchino's two daughters, Mrs. Shelly Reeve and Mrs. Melinda Daniels. Franchino had been a Grace Schools trustee since 1969. He lost his bout with cancer on November 3, 1990. The plaque was presented on behalf of the Grace Schools and Seminary family during the annual banquet for faculty, staff, and trustees.



Thanks in part to a gift from the Women's Missionary Council, Grace College teacher education students have a new computer laboratory. The new lab features 10 computers. In addition to this new lab, other recent campus improvements include the chapel/auditorium in McClain Hall, a new student union area in Alpha Hall, new classrooms equipped with media for interactive learning, and renovation of Lancer Lounge in Philathea Hall. Lancer Lounge has been the popular gathering spot for generations of Grace College students seeking refreshments and fellowship.

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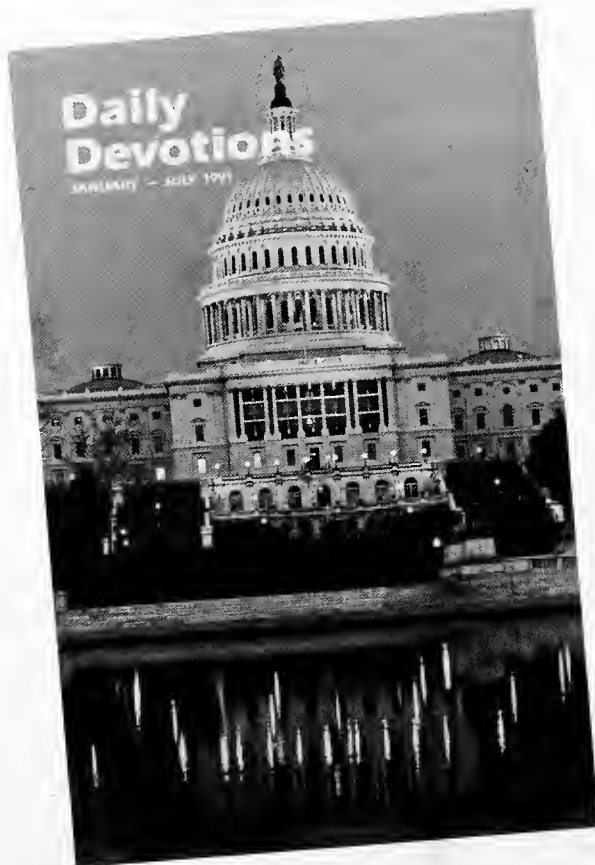
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Is America on the Verge of Revival?

New Attitudes Among Leaders

(Third of a three-part series examining current trends in our nation. Condensed from the National and International Religion Report, Oct. 8, 1990. Used by Permission)

Is America on the verge of genuine revival? "Yes," says author and YWAM (Youth With a Mission) director John Dawson. He bases his conjecture on what he has witnessed among pastors in 1990. Like Dirks and Blackaby, he believes that a "deep humility" among leaders has become a primary impetus for renewal. "I've seen more tears of repentance (in pastors' meetings) since January of this year than in the past 20 years of ministry," he said. Dawson's theory is that revival cannot occur in a community where Christians are divided—even if the rifts are rooted in century-old grievances. He says he has witnessed white pastors in Southern cities repenting and weeping over racial prejudices that have festered for decades. Similar instances have occurred in Western towns where the treatment of native Americans became a topic of heartfelt confession.

There is a recognizably different attitude among church leaders today compared to just a year ago, Dawson says. "This is a different season . . . I think we've lost our cockiness. All the pastors I meet now are meek, open, teachable, and they are honoring each other and each other's movements." Why the sudden change? "Seven or eight years ago a lot of Christian leaders were saying we were on the verge of revival," he recounts. "But then the televangelist scandals occurred and we all went to the woodshed for discipline." Now, Dawson asserts, "wherever I go, I find that the cities are filled with meekness and unity."

Glenn Sheppard, senior associate for prayer for the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization, agrees with Dawson. Sheppard says similar characteristics seen in the Northwest Renewal and the Solemn Assembly movement were evident in the Asbury College revival, which he witnessed while a student at the SBC's Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., in 1970.

That movement involved mostly students at the Methodist college and was likewise earmarked by impromptu open repentance.

Could a so-called "Asbury experience" be repeating itself? Sheppard, who travels extensively in the U.S., reports that a "prayer movement" is building within many church groups today. He predicts that this trend will unite Christians from diverse backgrounds as they focus less on distinctives and more on the person of Christ. "I believe we are entering a post-denominational era," he theorized, expressing a conviction that various churches and ministries will engage in a deeper level of cooperation as renewal efforts increase.

That level of cooperation was evident at the Kitsap Pavilion in the western Puget Sound area of Washington, observers said, when more than 40 churches canceled their Sunday morning services to worship corporately. "When I told my church we were going to meet together with the other Christians in the area, their response was, 'It's about time,'" recalled Scott Montagne, pastor of Bayside Community Church. He said the Northwest Renewal Movement in his area made an indelible impression on his own life and his church. "It's not an ecumenical movement. We are just loving one another. What's going on here is a change of heart," Montagne said.

It remains to be seen whether these trends will in fact lead to a bona fide revival in America. Observers believe that the groundswell of interest in what is happening at Multnomah is an indicator that pastors want such a movement to sweep the country. Terry Dirks says his office is inundated with requests from pastors who want to schedule prayer retreats in their communities. "One group of men in Idaho told me, 'This isn't something we just want to do. It's something we must do,'" Dirks said. But Dirks and Aldrich can attend only so many meetings a year, and they insist on limiting their involvement to Oregon and Washington. Their hope, Dirks said, is that the news of what is taking place in the Northwest will be a catalyst for a far-reaching spiritual awakening.

Taking a STAND for Christ

Dan Thompson, pastor of the Naples, Florida, Grace Brethren Church is discovering that church planting is definitely a family-wide enterprise. Danielle Thompson, his daughter, is one of three girls who have launched a new club in the local Barron Collier High School. Called STAND (Students Taking a New Direction), the group is open to students of any Christian denomination. It meets before school for prayer and to discuss daily business.

Danielle explains how she and her friends got the idea for the group, "A recent U.S. Supreme Court decision allows any group of students in the public school system all over the nation to pray and study the Bible on campus, indicating that it is not mixing church and state. If groups of people want to get together and talk about New Age stuff or save the ecology, it is really not different from being able to pray and read the Bible. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes has been a long-established club on campus, and we couldn't understand why they permitted one group for athletes but not another for the rest of us. We were waiting anxiously [for the Supreme Court's ruling]. When the decision was announced, we went to our school's activities director, requesting that we have an on-campus



Danielle Thompson

Christian club as a support group."

She goes on to explain how their name, "STAND," originated: "STAND is 'Students Taking a New Direction' and our motto is 'Stand Up and Stand Out for Christ.' We don't package it at all. When people come and ask what is STAND, we say it is a Christian support group where we pray and study the Bible to discover what God has for our lives. We've ended up with a lot of kids who do not even know who Jesus and his disciples were, but they are coming to find out what it is all about.

"We expected to have only five or six girls. We wound up with nineteen (both guys and girls)! Since then word has spread rapidly. We have had a good response from people asking about the club and wanting to be involved in it. We are now having to start official sign-ups just to keep track of them all (both Christians and non-Christians). It has been really exciting!

"At Barron Collier High School there are 1800 students, an increase of 700 since last year. What is happening in our school has been termed 'revival.' I would say it is basically because this is happening all over the nation. We're coming into a generation where kids are looking for more stable families. We're looking for commitment, we're looking for stability.

"In their hearts, the kids at my school want God really badly. They want meaning in their lives and their search right now is being filled with the Lord and with taking a stand for Christ. There were a few of us who for the past two years have been working at building relationships with the kids in our school through established channels; some are involved in band and the music end of the school; I'm involved in cheerleading and football and the sports end of the school; and some are involved in student council. We are establishing personal one-on-one relationships and being consistent in those friendships. And now, when kids are looking for meaning in their life, they come to us and ask where it comes from. 'We've seen your friendship, we've seen your consistency, we know your lifestyle and testimony and now we want to know where



The three founders of STAND; Angie Albright, Danielle Thompson, and Haley Harkins; plus Jason Deboer who is initiating a STAND chapter in his own neighboring high school.

it comes from.' And that is what is giving us the opportunity to say, 'Alright, we are ready to stand up too. This is what they are looking for, and this is what we've got to offer, and we know it is the best.'

"We are not going to be ashamed to do it. This started happening last year and has pretty much snowballed since then. It's becoming the 'in thing' to carry a Bible at my school, and you are very much looked down on if you do not believe in God.



It was originally thought that only five or six would become involved in STAND; the response has been tremendous.

let alone have a personal relationship with Him.

"Just as an example, the defensive line of our football team, who in a 4A district went to State with an undefeated season last year, painted crosses on the top of their football shoes so when they got in the huddle they remembered to give the glory to God. This is pretty phenomenal for a public school. This year they started, among the students, a pre-game chapel. They have devotions together as a team before the game. They have better attitudes after the game. Half of the football team goes to our church on Sunday mornings. They make up half of our congregation and they come to church after working out. They go and work out, then come in sweats and a tee-shirt ready to praise God.

"We're working on keeping consistent throughout the week and holding each other accountable. Right now that is our biggest prayer request. As teens, we don't always have guts enough to hold each other accountable. There is a lot of intimidation, but we're working on building friendships among the Christians so when we see a problem we can confront it, deal with it, and say we're here and we're in it together. There is a lot of unity among the Christians and we're ready to set the school of fire.

"The families in the community are real involved in their kids' lives and it's been kind of

strange how God has been working. The kids just got saved, I would say, within the past year or two but have been very closed-mouth about their relationship with God and their church within their families. But now, as they are walking off the field after a football game, they will just happen to say to their parents, 'By the way, that is my pastor. Why don't you go meet him?' Then they go into the locker room. Feeling an obligation, the parents have been meeting my parents. It has been interesting because they are all saying, 'So you are the guy my son (or daughter) has been with on Sunday mornings. What are you teaching him?' They are taking an interest in it so much that now they are saying, 'Why didn't we know about this before? Why can't we be involved?' We're saying, 'You can, please do!' So it's been really neat because a lot of the moms have been coming to a women's discipleship group with my mom. We're working on getting the dads involved.

"In our high school, we have just started an outreach program where we're focusing tremendously on discipleship. We have Campus Life which is very evangelistic and picks up on the contacts and the potential that is there. But then they are not being disciplined. So our church is beginning to pick up on this and follow through with discipleship. We're not only doing outreach and bringing people to church, we're also learning a verse of the week, and we're saying that STAND is available as your support group.

"We're having prayer in the mornings, and there are a lot of different Christian activities this year that are offered on-campus and off. We ask people to try to make it to at least one activity each week outside church. We also encourage faithfulness in Bible study and actual discipling one-on-one. We ourselves are being disciplined by an adult and in turn discipling just one person, sharing and opening our hearts back and forth."

Thanks to Danielle's heart for souls and boldness to share the Gospel, the Grace Brethren Church in Naples now has a strong ministry within her public high school. Danielle hopes to start branches of the club at other high schools in the area. Please remember the Thompson family in prayer as, together, they reach the Naples, Florida, community for Christ.



Pastor Dan and Jackie Thompson, Danielle's parents.

Personal Reflections

I have been encouraged by many to open up a limited number of pages of the Herald magazine to the expression of opinions and beliefs regarding the baptism/membership issue in the Grace Brethren Church. No practical means of such an exchange has been available to persons following last year's national conference. A forum plan was adopted at the 1989 conference, but has not been implemented in a workable fashion to date. No exchanges which involve the names of other persons will be included. The use of the Herald magazine makes the information available to lay persons as well as to ministers. No editing will be done on any of the articles and it is understood that the material does not have the endorsement of the Herald or the Fellowship — it reflects the personal position of the individual author.

—Charles W. Turner, publisher

By Daniel J. Treier
Cedarville College

Recently I was privileged to attend one of the forums on the baptism issue. I came away with a few observations about the state of our Fellowship that I would like to share.

1. Many in our Fellowship appear to lack a consistent hermeneutic. The repeated use of Romans 14 and Acts 15 as guidelines for our Fellowship to respond to this crisis prompted the question, "Is baptism a disputable matter?" The person who brought up these passages, though, said no. He said that he was trying to draw principles from the passages. It is my understanding of the passages, however, that the principles therein apply only to disputable matters. Therefore, if we say (as this man did) that baptism is doctrinal rather than disputable, we should not use these passages as guidelines. We must not claim Biblical support for our views if the passages we cite do not really apply. I'm concerned that neither side is looking completely to the scriptures and their *intended* meaning for answers; rather, many passages are being taken out of context.

2. Related to the lack of a consistent hermeneutic is a lack of concern for precision. Precision seems to be a dirty word in our Fellowship. When a list of possible symbolisms for baptism was suggested, one person commented that all could be valid. He suggested that to narrow it down any further might make us guilty of "reductionism". While I would agree that we ought not dwell on trivialities, I think we must search the scriptures diligently to see *all* of their intended meaning and *only* their intended meaning.

3. I believe, too, that our Fellowship now places more of an emphasis on human experience than on Biblical teaching. The consistent focus is on how unloving and condemning we must be to require trine immersion for membership. Yet we forget that Biblical love "rejoices with the truth"

(I Cor. 13:6). We must let our interpretation of the scriptures determine our practice rather than letting our practice determine our interpretation of the scriptures. If trine immersion is not a Biblical requirement for church membership, then we must deal lovingly with prospective members. If trine immersion is a Biblical requirement for membership, we must still be loving, yet we must hold to the precedence over our experience and opinion.

4. My last concern deals with our relationship to church leadership and Christianity at large. I quite often hear something like, "If John MacArthur and Charles Swindoll don't believe trine immersion, maybe we shouldn't hold to it very steadfastly." A similar statement in reference to a particular denomination was made at the forum. I respect John MacArthur greatly, but he is human like me. I must interpret the scriptures, depending on God for understanding, and hold with conviction to what the scriptures teach. The reformation occurred partly so that believers might have the right to interpret the scriptures for themselves. I fear that another Reformation is needed, so that we Grace Brethren might not be treated as inferior interpreters when compared to Christianity's leaders. We need to return to the "priesthood of believers", rather than blindly following the leaders who hold degrees and pastor large churches.

In conclusion, it is my prayer that by a consistent hermeneutic, by a concern to understand the scriptures' intended meaning, by a loving stand for truth, and by each individual's diligent study, we will come to the Biblical conclusion and resulting unity. In short, we must lay aside "fleshly wisdom" (2 Cor. 1:12) and dependently search the scriptures.

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A Letter From a Great-Grandmother to a Great-Granddaughter

Editor's note: The following letter has been submitted for publication by Dr. Robert Thompson, who received a copy of it when serving as interim pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Westminster, CA. It is written by Addie Williams, who taught school and an adult Bible class for 30 years. Dr. Thompson notes: "It is a beautiful letter from a great-grandmother who was 93 years old last November."

Comanche, Texas

My dear Great-Granddaughter Addie Kathryn:

How happy I am for you to bear my name and I hope when you grow up you will be pleased with your parents' decision.

When I was small, a man moved into our community. His name was Addie Cardwell. Everyone called him "Ad". I felt I had a man's name and was unhappy with it. To make matters worse, when my brothers wanted to tease or provoke me, they would call me "Ad".

When I married your Great-Grandfather, the minister asked "What is your name?" and I said "Kathryn". He smiled and said "Do you have another name?" and I smiled and said "yes, it's Addie". He smiled and said, "Oh let me use Addie, my Grandmother was named Addie and I loved her dearly."

I have lived long enough to learn that a name is what you make it. You will realize this too—as you grow and develop into womanhood. Your parents and family will love you and give you guidance through your early childhood.

As you begin to walk on your own, you will apply lessons that have been instilled in you. You are going to hear many voices. Some will be for right, but some will be wrong. You will learn to listen and have your first experiences in making choices. I pray for you today—that you will make the right choices. You have earthly parents to guide and direct you, and you have a heavenly father—who created you. He gave you life, God's greatest gift. He created you for himself. You may have every quality in your body to be what he wants you to be. It will be your responsibility to find God's plan for your life and you must strive to achieve it.

Just as we need good food for strong healthy bodies, we need good food for spiritual growth and development. I want you to be happy. You must cultivate a happy attitude. You must choose Christian friends. Jesus gave the pattern "I am the way—I am the Truth—I am the Life."

I want you to read. In reading you can explore the World through books. Read good books. The Bible is number one on the list. The person that does not read is no better informed than the person who can't read.

I want you to be a sharing person. The happiest people are those who give the most. Sharing may be of time, talent, encouragement or money. The least we can give is a listening ear to someone in need.

I want you to be an understanding and forgiving person. I believe an understanding and forgiving spirit is the seat of a happy life.

It's not the length of years God will give you—but how much of yourself you put into the years and what you give to God that will count.

I have almost finished my life. Almost 93 years. God has been so good to me, as I look back over the years. Many heartaches, many joys - many failures, but assurance for forgiveness brings comfort.

When I leave this life all I have to offer God is what I have given away. Remember, always "Give the World the best you have and the best will come back to you."

Lots of love for you now and for the days ahead. Remember, God is sufficient for our every need and He is in us, with us, and all about us. Seek and you will find Him.

Love and Prayers,
Your Great-Grandmother

Addie



1990-91 WMC Missionaries of the Year

Mrs. Paul (Berta) Kuns

Berta was born at Yaloke Medical Center in the Central African Republic, the daughter of Harold and Marguerite Dunning, longtime missionaries to Africa; and the granddaughter of pioneer missionaries, James and Florence Gribble. Berta came to know Jesus as Savior as a child growing up in Africa. At age twelve, her family moved back to the States. Paul is an experienced mechanic. He was born and raised in Whittier, California. At the age of six, he gave his heart to Jesus. As far back as he can remember, he was always taking things apart and putting them back together again. He learned much from helping and watching his dad. Berta and Paul met at church during their high school years. Following graduation and Paul's time in the U.S. Army, the Kunses were married. They had all the material things that should have made them "happy", but they felt restless and dissatisfied, even though they were very active in their church. The Lord led them to Central African Republic where Paul maintains equipment and vehicles for the missionary staff, and Berta works as a librarian, secretary and bookkeeper. The Kuns have a son, Adam, and a daughter, Emily.



Mrs. Stan (Betty) Nairn

Betty was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She moved to the neighborhood where the Third Brethren Church is located, and was saved during her teen years. Stan was raised in a Christian home in Philadelphia, where he came to know Jesus through the teaching of the Word in his home, accepting Christ as Savior at the age of eight. He also attended the Third Brethren Church. Stan and Betty met during high school years through the youth group in their church, and dated five years before getting married in 1971. Stan graduated from Philadelphia College of the Bible in 1972 and from Grace Seminary in 1976. He gained experience as a student pastor during college years and as an assistant pastor at two Grace Brethren churches in Pennsylvania, before becoming the pastor of the Middlebranch, Ohio Grace Brethren Church. The Nairns served in Middlebranch for several years before answering the Lord's call to foreign missions; they went to Argentina in the fall of 1983. They have four children: Jacquelin Scott, Andres and Jessica.



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We suggest a goal of \$1.50 a year per member.

A special thank-you goes to the WMC circles that faithfully send birthday cards and notes of encouragement to our missionaries. We would like to remind all ladies that the cards should be mailed directly to the missionaries and not to Grace Brethren Foreign Missions. This will speed up delivery of your cards and will prevent the GBFM from having to deduct the postage from the missionary's account. Also, please remember that postage to other countries will cost more than twenty-nine cents. If letters arrive with insufficient postage, the missionary has to pay the postage due.

Thank you for using these tips to help our missionaries, and thank you for your faithful encouragement of them.

Be a Friend to a (Home or Foreign) Missionary

Most of the ideas below will work for either a Home Mission pastor's wife, an active foreign missionary (on the field or on Home Ministries), or a retired missionary. Of course, you can always add ideas of your own.

1. Write a response to the writer of the *Friendship Experience*. All addresses can be found in the *Grace Brethren Annual*.

2. Write to missionary kids. Send them a cassette tape, video (if they have a VCR), books or games.

3. Home/District Missions:

a. Invite a Home Mission pastor's wife to your meeting as your special guest. Pay her gas expenses and present her with a gift certificate or other gift.

b. Find out the dates of birthdays and anniversaries in the pastor's family. Send each family member a card for the appropriate celebration.

c. Small gifts for the pastor's children on their birthdays help them to feel special.

4. Have someone visit a Home Mission point, take pictures, and report to your meeting.

5. Invite a missionary to be your guest at your Mother-Daughter Banquet, or at a tea, picnic or meeting.

6. Have reports about different mission fields from people who have visited those fields.

7. Send the WMC reading books to a missionary.

8. Send a cassette recording of your meeting to a missionary. Be sure the microphones are placed so they will pick up all the laughter too!

9. Send a pictorial record of one of your meetings or a special event at church. Clearly label and explain each picture. (This could accompany the tape recording of the meeting.)

10. Call a missionary during your meeting just to say "Hello". Voices from home are a wonderful sound. Don't forget to allow for time differences: your evening meeting may be 2 a.m. for them.

11. Send a card or note of encouragement, signed by everyone present, to let your missionary know you prayed for her at your meeting. Include a bookmark or other flat, mailable remembrance.

12. Send her flowers or a planter; just a way to say "thanks".

13. Provide a night or two in a luxury hotel with the days just for them to enjoy. Have flowers or fruit in the room when they arrive.



FINDLAY TO BANGUI:

Love Extended Around the World

by Greg Weimer

Chuck reminds me of my grandfather. The way he tells a story brings back pleasant memories, but his hearty laugh triggers the sharpest remembrance. Chuck Frost reminds me of my grandfather in another way—he is deeply committed to his local church and its ministries. By providing a most unique and necessary service to our missionaries in the Central African Republic, Chuck and the other members of the Findlay Grace Brethren Church are extending their love half-way around the world.

In October 1989, Grace Brethren Foreign Missions was seeking a solution to a problem. The best method of shipping food, equipment, and supplies to our missionaries in Africa is by ocean container. The office in Winona Lake had always been the staging point for the loading of those containers. Items were stacked in a storage area in the back of the missions building. An empty twenty-foot container would be transported by truck from Chicago and loaded with the help of the staff, missionaries, and volunteers. The loaded container was then transported by rail, steamship, and truck to Bangui, the capital of the Central African Republic.

Shipping a container can be complicated and frustrating, but the lack of proper facilities in Winona Lake was the greatest challenge. Storage space was limited and cramped. Bad weather often hampered the loading because the items had to be



The loading crew takes a short break on December 13. Front row: Pastor Mike Gatliff, Don Boren, Bill Barrett, Chuck and Margaret Frost. In the container: Greg Weimer, Dick Eller, and Pastor Gary Crandall.

set outside for proper sorting and prioritization. Several alternatives, including the use of smaller shipping units called lift vans, were investigated. However, none of the options appeared to be an adequate solution to the facilities problem.

Jim Hocking, a missionary to the Central African Republic, was on home ministries during the fall of 1989. He was assisting with the shipping inquiries when the Lord guided him to a providential meeting in Findlay, Ohio. Jim spoke at the Findlay church and later shared the container situation with Pastor Gary Crandall, a former Africa missionary. Chuck Frost learned of the need and told Jim about a warehouse he operated. Pastor Gary suggested that the church might be willing to tackle the container operation as a special ministry.

Pastor Crandall and his associate, Pastor Mike



The container can be loaded from the interior of the warehouse, avoiding inclement weather.



Dottie Nolan is entering missionary packing lists.

Gatliff, began to mobilize the church for this new ministry opportunity. Dick Eller, a former trucker, offered his services as a volunteer. Other men quickly volunteered, and Mrs. Dottie Nolan offered to do the computer work that would create reports for customs and insurance purposes. Chuck contacted a man who donated hand trucks and pallets to simplify the

loading process. Everyone was excited, committed, and amazed that the Lord was bringing this team together.

On January 16, 1990, a training session was conducted at the Findlay church to prepare the volunteers for their respective duties. Packing lists, computer reports, and other matters were explained. Shortly thereafter the Africa missionaries began forwarding their items and accompanying paperwork to Chuck's warehouse, with Chuck and his wife Margaret acting as the receiving agents.

The first container was loaded at the Findlay warehouse on May 31, 1990. A second container was loaded on December 13, 1990. The teamwork of the Findlay church was evident on both occasions. Chuck's warehouse provided an excellent facility, but the commitment and dedication of the people made the container ministry a joyful event.

The home office team and the Africa missionaries are deeply and sincerely grateful for the ministry of the Findlay Grace Brethren Church. Those

who serve so faithfully and deserve special recognition include Pastor Gary Crandall, Pastor Mike Gatliff, Dick Eller, Paul Ricksecker, Bill and Marlene Barrett, Tom Child, Don Boren, Bob Farmer, Dottie Nolan, and Chuck and Margaret Frost.

My grandfather loved people. He would have felt right at home in the Findlay church. I believe he and Chuck would have been great friends.



The loading was accomplished in record time on December 13, thanks to the good organization and excellent workers.

Significant Times NEWSLETTER

If you wish to receive the "Significant Times" newsletter, please send your name and address to GBFM, P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, IN 46590. The monthly newsletter replaces the "Significant Times" magazine, and contains the Mission Mouse column, GBFM Prayer and Praise, and current mission news.

Life's Most Important Question . . .

It would have been very difficult back in the early 1970's to foresee what would happen to a little multi-colored tract that we have come to know as the "Question Tract".

First a little background on how it developed. A number of years ago in Africa, a successful evangelistic campaign was being held. Word of the results in the Central African Republic was reaching the Brethren in the United States. People were turning to the Lord and a spirit of revival was taking place.

In the United States there was also an interesting event taking place. The plans for "Key 72" were unfolding for a campaign in America to stir a new interest in revival. After a series of planning sessions in Wooster, Ohio, a decision was made to have a Brethren campaign called "Grow '73". Since Wayne Beaver had been active in the African campaign he volunteered to lead in much of the planning.

"Evangelism Explosion" from Florida was a proven program of training and strategy. Wayne, myself and several others worked on the tract to line it up with the evangelism explosion concepts. The art work and copy was put together and thus the "Question Tract" was born.

Following "Grow 73" most of the literature was used for a period of time and then fell by the wayside, but *Life's Most Important Question* continued to be used in an ever widening circle. Denomination after denomination chose the tract as their major tool of evangelism. At first, the Missionary Herald Company printed 50,000 or 100,000 tracts at a time, then we had to move to 200,000 at a printing. It is without doubt the most successful printing venture in the history of the Grace Brethren movement; nothing else even comes close.

Another printing order was issued the other day because each week a few more thousand go out all over the world. It is printed in nearly 10 languages and the foreign ones are not counted in the almost 3,000,000 in English. We believe the total number is approaching the 5,000,000 level.

Though we have no exact numbers, it is safe to say more people have made decisions through the tract than any other



evangelism tool ever used in the Brethren Church. However, the Brethren are not the major users of the tract—over 92 percent of the tracts go to churches other than Grace Brethren. Orders come in 10's, 100's and even thousands at times.

We recently made a casual survey among purchasers of the tract. We felt it might be time for an update in the Bible version used in the "Question Tract", and asked about changing the text from King James to NIV. Most expressed the opinion they would discontinue its use, if such a change were made. So much for that idea! We have received literally hundreds of requests to change some of the wording to fit different denominational views. This, too, we have resisted. Thousands of souls have been won to Christ with this tool and its usage continues to grow.

Late one Saturday evening last fall, I went into a K-Mart in Wadsworth, Ohio. A young employee of the company was standing at the cash register reading . . . the "Question Tract". Christian literature is a powerful tool being used of God to bring glory to His name! —Charles Turner

NEWS UPDATE

The Grace Brethren Church of Uniontown, PA, is seeking a youth pastor. Anyone interested should contact True Hunt, pastor (Tel. 412/437-3401 or 437-4488), or Bessie Ferree, secretary (Tel. 412/437-6121).

The Grace Brethren Church of Emmaus, PA, closed in December 1990.

Karl Garling is serving as the interim pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Mifflin, OH.

Ed DeZago began his ministry in the middle of this month at the Grace Brethren Church of North Port, FL.

Dan Younger is serving as interim pastor of the Hurst, TX, Grace Brethren Church while the church continues to seek a full-time pastor.

The Shade Grace Brethren Church of Windber, PA, closed at the end of February.

Mikal Smith resigned from the pastoral team at the New Hope Community Church at Menifee Valley, CA.

The Grace Brethren Church of Bradenton, FL, continues to seek a full-time pastor.

May 15 is a "Day With God" for the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. Brochures may be obtained through Grace Brethren Foreign Missions, P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, IN 46590.

James Laird has accepted the position of pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Martinsburg, PA. His address is: R. 1, Box 57, Roaring Spring, PA 16673. Telephone: 814/224-5581.

Ken Carozza is the pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Hartford, CT. His address is: 58 Indian Hill, Newington, CT 06111. Telephone: 203/667-4326.

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Huesmann, Perry. 15327 Woodruff Pl., No. 113, Bellflower, CA 90706.

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Jenks, Dale. His new phone number is 518/695-3776.

Smith, Mikal. 242 W. Lynn Ave., Tulare, CA 93274.

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Brian White is the pastor of the Basore Road Grace Brethren Church in Dayton, OH, and

Daniel White is the pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in York, PA.

Weddings

Kurtz: Stacey Fidler and C. Duane Kurtz were married on October 20, 1990, at the Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, PA. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

Seager: Shelly Gurganus and David Seager were married on December 15, 1990, at the Grace

Brethren Church, Myerstown, PA. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

Deaths

Benningfield, Lucille, November 22, 1990. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Community Church of West Alexandria, OH. Percy Miller, pastor.

Hauer, Miles, 72, December 3, 1990. He was a charter member of the Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, PA. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

Journey, Harold, 73, February 2, 1991. He was a member of the Bethel Brethren Church of Berne, IN. Robert Griffith, pastor.



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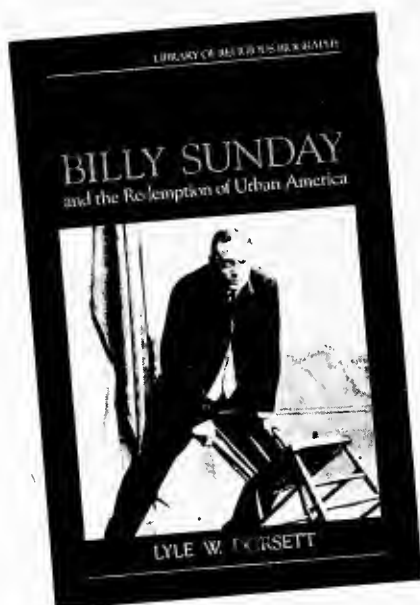
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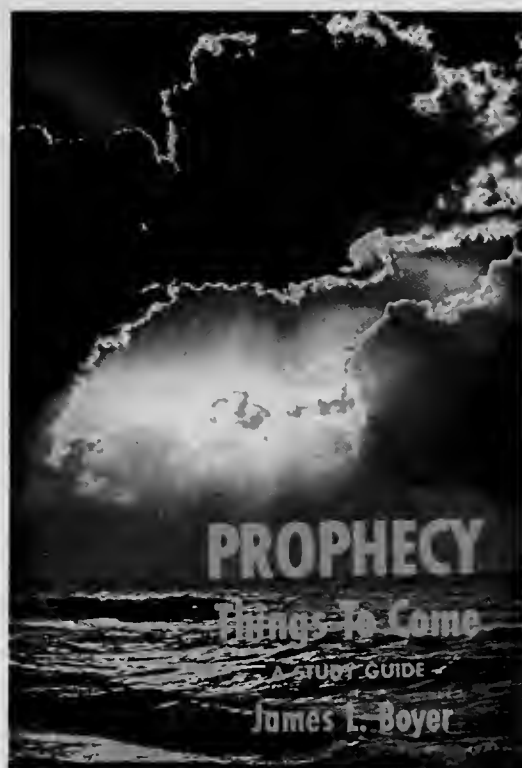
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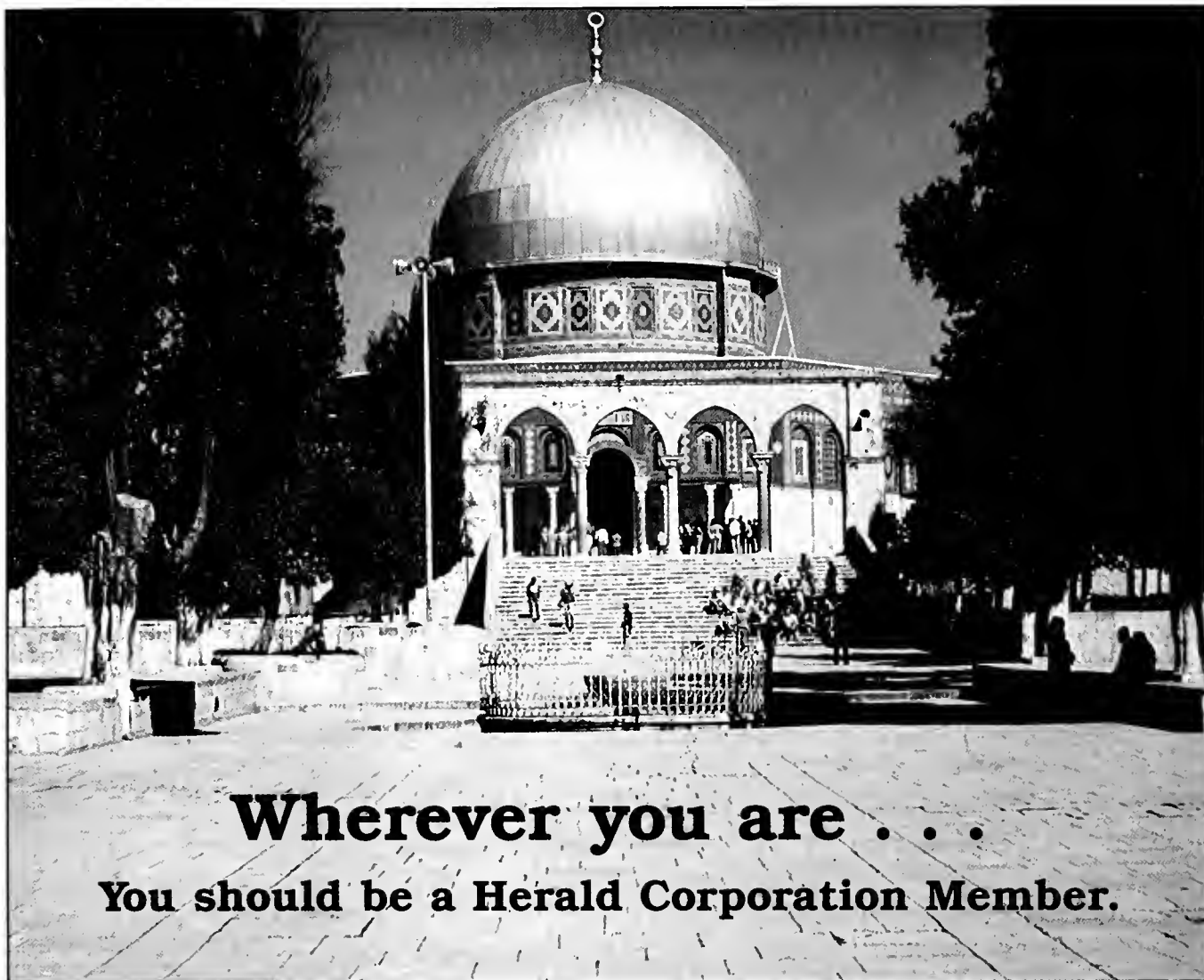
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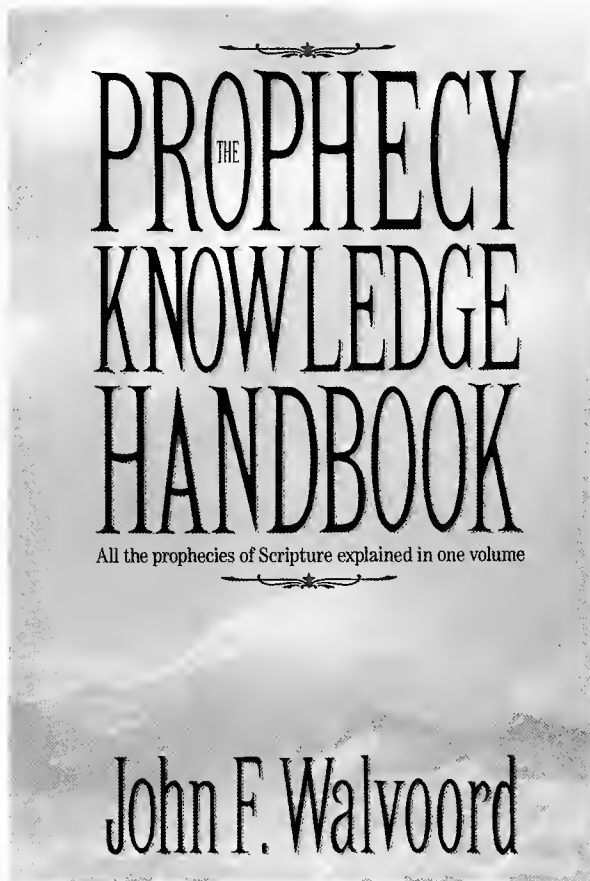
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John F. Walvoord is Chancellor of Dallas Theological Seminary. He served as its second president from 1952 to 1986, and was on the Dallas faculty for fifty years. The Prophecy Knowledge Handbook is Dr. Walvoord's nineteenth book.

Last week there were signs of change . . . signs that appear to be for good. When you have spent most of your years living in Ohio and Indiana, this is the time of year when you are looking for change. The first sign of change was a group of geese flying into the territory. I watched them fly in formation and then they came to an unmarked junction in the sky. They broke formation, took a few moments to check the invisible sky sign and then they made a turn. It was a perfect right angle and I thought "How wise they are!" They knew their direction even without a road map from the local gasoline station—how remarkable their God-given knowledge of the terrain and the skies.

Then I saw another sign of encouragement . . . it was a seemingly eager tulip pushing its way up through the ground. "A little early," I thought, "you may just be pushing your good fortunes a little bit too soon!" But it wasn't. Someone had said, "spring is coming, peek through and feel the warmth of the sun". When one sees a tulip in March in Indiana, there is cause for hope.

But another reminder of hope was to make its appearance. This time in an unexpected place—my planning calendar. It was written clearly on the page and the little notation was most encouraging. It simply said, "the first day of spring". Again my spirits were lifted and I knew the long dark days of winter were to give way to the wet cloudy days of spring. But it is not geese headed home or a

little yellow tulip making its appearance that brings true hope. They do something for my general well-being and attitude, but I also have need of help for the spirit and the inner man.

For this reason I found hope in a message of this spring time. It was found in a day that we have come to know as Easter, which we so recently commemorated. Easter says it best when it is changed to the day of the resurrection of our Lord. Hope is no longer tied to a change in the weather or the greening of the lawn or the new leaves on a tree. It is tied to my faith and my hope that because Jesus Christ could overcome death, He could help me do the same.

Resurrection Day is meaningful to me because of some very special reasons. He sets forth my hope that death does not have dominion over me. Christ paid the penalty for my sins and asks me to follow Him and enjoy the wonderful promise of eternal life. My father died on Easter Sunday morning when I was to preach my first sermon in a full-time pastorate in Flora, Indiana. My father-in-law went to be with the Lord on Easter Sunday of the following year. My mother-in-law died the week of Easter and my brother was buried on Good Friday.

The hope of the resurrection and of reassembling together in eternity is a reality because Christ died on the cross and rose again the third day. There are signs of hope and change in the air, but we do not have to wait until spring to sense them. Our Christ gives us resurrection hope and life every day.



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After considerable discussion on the Brethren Missionary Herald Board a new emphasis of direction for our magazine was established by the following motion.

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3. The content of the BMH magazine is determined by the Executive Editor under guidelines established by the BMH Board of Trustees. It is not the organ of any single interest, but seeks to serve the general interests of the entire FGBC in pursuing its Scriptural goals.

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HAVING HOPE

by Jerry Young, Conference Moderator

Vaclav Havel, the playwright-patriot of Czechoslovakia, had reason to lose hope. He was refused a university education by the communists because of his middle class origins. Assigned a meaningless job in a brewery that paid fifty dollars a week. Imprisoned for his public criticism of the government.

When he was released from prison in 1983, he and other Czechoslovak dissidents were but small voices in a sea of rising discontent. But all that changed last November. The pride of Prague became the champion of factory workers in Moravia and farmers in Slovakia. Roaring crowds that gathered in the streets had a slogan: "Havel na Hrad!" "Havel to the Castle!"

Now president of his country, Vaclav Havel has something to say about the vision that pitted him against impossible odds.

"Life without hope is an empty, boring and useless life. I cannot imagine that I could strive for something if I did not carry hope in me. I am thankful to God for this gift. It is as big a gift as life itself."

-From a speech

For the popular ruler of Czechoslovakia, "Hope is a feeling that life and work have a meaning."

Whether or not things actually turn out well is not the important thing, says Havel, as long as there is meaning in what we do.

Not everyone has this gift. An Iraqi soldier who surrendered to the coalition forces said it well for all those crushed by impossible odds: "For us there is no hope." Our world is in desperate need of a hope that transcends human feelings, a hope that comes true.

As Grace Brethren people gather for their annual conference in Columbus, Ohio this year, they will open their Bibles to learn what God has to say about hope. Speakers are now preparing messages to focus their attention on this important theme. Will you join them?

Our ultimate purpose is to so encourage you that your life in Christ will overflow to others.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

—Romans 15:13

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A Genuine Hero from a Grace Brethren Pew

by Jerry Young

*"Consider it all joy, my brethren,
when you encounter various trials." —James 1:2*

He came to me just as the worship service was about to begin. We stood there in one of the main aisles of the auditorium, suddenly alone. Just he and I.

"I've been called to active duty." I searched his eyes, normally bright and filled with laughter. They were dark and serious. "We knew it was coming, didn't we?" I replied.

"Yes."

"When are you leaving?"

"This week."

"I'll be praying for you."

"Thanks."

And then he was gone. I turned and watched his tall, thin frame slip into a seat beside Patricia Jean, his words burning a hole in my heart.

The next Sunday, Major Mark Connelly headed the list of men from our congregation serving in the Persian Gulf. Their names were posted in the large, new lobby of our church. And we did pray.

The Connelly family came to our church in the summer of 1989, attracted by our Christian school. Meggan was eight years old at the time. Ready for second grade. And Peter was five. Ready for kindergarten.

I met them for the first time in the hallway outside my office. When I learned they had just completed eight years at Fort Benning, Georgia, I revealed my association as an Army Reserve chaplain. "I can tell by the haircut," P.J. replied, laughing. "High and tight." And I was suddenly embarrassed. We had something in common.

Mark graduated from Notre Dame in 1978 with a degree in Biology. But he came away with more than a degree. It was there he met Patricia, and it was there he found the Lord. They came first in his life ever after.

With four years at Georgetown University School of Medicine under his belt, Mark joined the Department of Family Practice at Martin Army Community Hospital for his internship. His abilities as a doctor, a teacher and a human being were apparent from the very beginning. Hardly a year passes without some honor coming his way. In 1985, he was elected "Chief Resident," "Resident of the Year," and "Resident Teacher of the Year." Then he went on to be honored as the Family



Major Mark Connelly

Practice Faculty "Teacher of the Year" three successive years, 1987-89.

But personal honors meant little to Dr. Connelly who didn't want people even to call him "doctor." On his curriculum vitae, "church activities and Bible study" headed Mark's list of personal interests. "Marriage and the family" completed the list. And it was his devotion to family that brought him to Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He became Associate Director of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Lancaster General Hospital in July, 1989.

Mark was very busy at the hospital. He spoke to me one time about his disappointment over a schedule that was heavier than promised. Yet with all that, he volunteered more than once to teach a Sunday school class or otherwise share his knowledge. And he always found time to play with his children. Last spring, I happened to walk around the corner of the building after school. There was Mark, bouncing a ball with Peter. In just a few seconds, we were talking about our families and about the Lord. No one ever had to guess where his priorities were.

Dr. Connelly reported to Fort Devens, Massachusetts on December 12th. But within days he was "cross leveled" to the 142nd Medical Company of the Connecticut National Guard. By January 12th, he was near the front lines in Saudi

Arabia. Mail delivery was poor. But Mark traveled long distances to call P.J. on the telephone. We rejoiced over every word.

Because of my assignment to the 348th General Hospital in Folsom, Pennsylvania, I had more than a passing interest in the Persian Gulf. When the air campaign of the war began January 17th, I was glued to the television set.

Finally, on February 24th, allied forces moved to occupy Kuwait. News of the war indicated U.S. forces were suffering very few casualties. We all breathed a collective sigh of relief. It was over in four days.

P.J. Connelly found comfort in the scriptures that week, and on Sunday morning she penned the words of Psalm 29:11 on the back of her registration card: "Praise the Lord for bringing His people peace!" On Sunday evening, two Army officers came to her door.

Mark had been killed by a land mine. He was driving the 30th vehicle in a convoy. A family doctor caught in a war far from home. How could this be?

The next few days seemed to melt together in a confusing array of phone calls and questions. Family members gathered. Friends from the neighborhood and the hospital drew near to help in every way they could. The entire community wept aloud.

Over a thousand people gathered at the church on March 9th for a memorial service. Governor Robert Casey was there. High-ranking officers from the Army were there. Friends from all over the country were there. But more importantly, the

Lord was there. A clear testimony of God's love and grace was there. Mark would have loved it.

And what of prayer? Our hope for Mark's safe return did not envision the larger plan of God. We wanted him home. God took him further home than any of us could have imagined.

Years ago, another man prayed for escape from death. He was about the same age as Mark. His name was Jesus. His prayer didn't quite match the greater plan of God, either. He died.

God answered in the resurrection three days later. Because of God's larger plan for Jesus, we have not lost hope for Mark.

"Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love Him." —James 1:12

A scholarship fund for the education of Meggan and Peter has been established. Contributions may be sent to the Connelly Family Scholarship Fund, c/o Fulton Bank, P.O. Box 304, Lititz, Pennsylvania, 17543.



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On March 15, 1991, members of Grace Brethren churches in Iowa met in honor of two missionaries who have recently retired from active service, Miss Marian Thurston and Miss Rosella Cochran. Wendell Kent had this to say—

FROM CORN PLANTERS to CHURCH PLANTERS Iowa's Contribution to Foreign Missions

by Wendell Kent

Much has been made of the richness of Iowa soil. A favorite song says that corn in Oklahoma grows as high as an elephant's eye, but Oklahoma isn't even in the same league with Iowa when it comes to raising corn. From this favored heartland comes a bounty of fruits of the soil. I want to remind you of yet another contribution from Iowa. This soil has sprouted a host of foreign missionaries!

First there was Estella Myers, who came from sturdy German Baptist stock and grew up around Williamsburg. She served in Africa from 1918 to 1956 and when Ruth Snyder wrote a book about her she titled each chapter with the word "strong." Estella Myers was a strong missionary—strong because of father, home, school, experience, etc. She was one of our pioneers with the Gribble party. Rosella Cochran was with her when she died. Estella is buried near James Gribble at Bassai.

- Mary Emmert went from Dallas Center in 1924, after serving a mission in Kentucky for awhile. She was part of the wave of enthusiasm that came after the pioneer party came home for the first time to report on Africa. She served until 1946 when she had to stay home and care for her father.

- Grace Byron came from North English, the same area from which Estella Myers had come. She served from 1928 to 1959.

- Don Miller, a nephew of Estella Myers, also grew up around North English and served from 1951 to 1984.

- Bob Williams came out of Iowa and served in Africa from 1942-1972.

- Ruth Ann Cone hails from Des Moines. She is perhaps the only big city girl in the group. She served in Africa from 1954 to 1973 and now serves in France.



This group of single missionary ladies was photographed in 1956. Marian Thurston is second from the left in the front row and Rosella Cochran is on the far right.

- Rosella Cochran comes from Leon and served from 1954 to 1990.

- Marian Thurston claims Garwin as her home and her term is almost the same as Rosella's, from 1952-1990.

- Denise Skeen comes from Cedar Rapids. She went to CAR in 1977 and is still there.

Iowa has invested at least 260 years of individual missionary service by the 9 missionaries she has sent to Africa. But Africa isn't the only place that Iowa has focused upon with a missionary vision.

- Lynn and Lois Schrock went from Waterloo to Argentina and served from 1945-1970 (25 years).

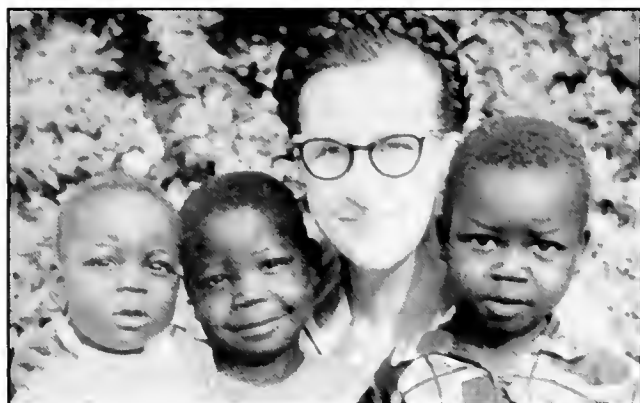
- Loree Sickel was a native Iowan, serving with her husband as pioneers for the Brethren work in Argentina from 1919-1968—49 years.

- Solon Hoyt took his first breath in Iowa and served in Argentina from 1946 to 1983.

All told, we're talking about over 370 years of service given by 13 missionaries.

What is it about Iowa that produced such a missionary vision? A cynic might say that here is evidence that people will go anywhere to leave this place. I prefer to look deeper, knowing that Iowa really isn't a bad place to live.

Not only did these missionaries come from Iowa, but another common denominator stands out. They had staying power. The two we honor tonight, Rosella Cochran and Marian Thurston,



Rosella Cochran in Bozoum, CAR.

who served 36 and 38 years, are typical of the whole group.

Perhaps the farm belt mentality of Iowa teaches perseverance in times of drought, for these missionaries all suffered through many a dry spell as far as spiritual fruit was concerned. That is part of the role of a missionary.

Maybe the rural values of this part of our country breeds a self-reliance and a make-do attitude that is in contrast to the alarming trend of one-term missionaries observed today.

I've seen the fierce loyalty of Iowa football fans for their Hawkeyes. That same loyalty must be part of the culture in this part of the world and it makes for good missionaries.

Maybe the wide open spaces that are so familiar around North English and Williamsburg and Garwin and Leon helped prepare those missionaries for the loneliness that is common to missionary life, and which some are unable to handle.

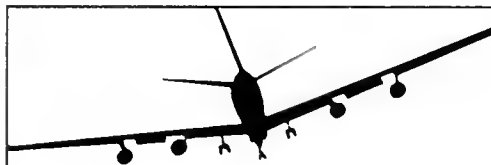
Maybe those ripening corn fields made the words of Jesus in Matthew 9:37 more meaningful

than to others: "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."

Maybe the neighborliness of Iowa people, so different from that of city dwellers, prepared them for the human compassion and interest that is necessary in order to reach out to strangers in a foreign land.

Maybe those harsh winters, when the wind howls across those empty corn fields and the snow drifts can force you to live indoors with the same people day after day helped to develop that ability to get along with each other that is the mark of a good missionary.

Until last year, the flood of missionaries from Iowa seemed to have ended. Then Lloyd and Barbara Wenger stepped forward. They left the farm in Woodward (near Dallas Center) and went to Central Africa, where their services are really appreciated. Who knows? Maybe the cycle is starting all over again. Keep your eyes on Iowa!



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NEWS UPDATE

Windber, PA. The Shade Grace Brethren Church, an outreach of the Allegheny District Missions Board, is seeking a full-time pastor. All inquiries should be sent to Richard Lehman, R2, Box 172A, Stoystown, PA 15563 (Tel. 814/754-5220).

Michael Ocealis is the new pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Ormond Beach, FL.

The Ministerium officers for the Northcentral Ohio District are: Chairman, John Bryant; Vice Chairman, Don Buckingham; and Secretary, David Kennedy.

Richard Schnieders has been called to be the Associate Pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Fort Myers, FL. Richard has served the Lord as a member there since 1984, and as the interim pastor from July to November, 1990. The call was effective last February. Pastor Schnieders desires to further his ministerial experience in serving this congregation while awaiting the Lord's direction for future full-time service.

Howard Mayes' active participation in the Old Car Restoration hobby has opened another door for the Gospel. He has been asked to serve as chaplain for the 1991 Ford F-100 Supernational Truck Owners Convention to be held at the Grand Hotel in Pigeon Forge, TN. Howard's 1953 fully restored pick-up has been a consistent trophy winner since its completion four years ago.

Pastor Mayes will be in charge of a 90-minute church service and Gospel Concert which is the total Sunday morning agenda. The Regal Brothers of Dayton, OH, will be presenting the Gospel in song. Howard Mayes is the pastor of the Grace Community Church of Huber Heights, Dayton, OH.

Fran Anthony and the staff at the Grace Brethren Church, Worthington, Ohio, have continued to develop a new program called Neighborhood Bible Clubs. The materials are a type of Back-Yard-Bible-Club that could be used as a replacement for those churches that would like to do evangelical children's emphasis, yet do not have the staff or finances to do a traditional VBS. Contact the

Worthington Grace Brethren Church, 6675 Worthington-Galena Rd., Worthington, OH 43085, for information on Neighborhood Bible Clubs.

David Marksbury is the pastor of the New Life Grace Brethren Church of Cypress, CA. The church address is: P.O. Box 222, Cypress, CA 90630.

The Grace Brethren Church of Willis, VA, has been closed.

Change Your Annual

Burgess, Greg. His phone number is (011-33) 78-85-14-84 Pg. 26).

Burk, Kenneth. 3452 Elm St., Long Beach, CA 90807.

DeZago, Edmund. 5370 MacCaughey Dr., North Port, FL 34287 (Tel. 813/426-7198). He has accepted the call to pastor the North Port, FL, Grace Brethren Church.

Galle, Jack. 2065 Cheshire Forest Ct., Virginia Beach, VA 23456.

Haag, Walter. 207 Van Rowe, Duncanville, TX 75116.

Hickey, Tom. His telephone number is (011-33) 72-36-35-52 (Pgs. 27 and 98).

Kliwer, Robert. 40911 Oregon Trail, Cherry Valley, CA 92223.

Laird, James. 306 S. Mulberry St., Martinsburg, PA 16662.

Ocealis, Michael. 1252 Vanderbilt Dr., Ormond Beach, FL 32174.

Weaver, Marlin. Chateau de St. Albain, FRANCE (Pg. 27).

Welsh, Ron. 58644 CR 111, Elkhart, IN 46517.

North Port, FL. All mail should be sent to the

North Port Grace Brethren Church, 5370 MacCaughey Dr., North Port, FL 34287.

Bowling Green, OH. All mail should be sent to the Grace Brethren Church, c/o Ron Mackey, 18665 Washington St., Tontogany, OH 43565.

Homerville, OH. All mail for the Grace Brethren Church should be sent to Robert Holmes, 9409 Spencer Rd., Homerville, OH 44235.

Weddings

Grimm: Stephanie Donelson and Marty Grimm were united in marriage on August 11, 1990, at the Everett Grace Brethren Church, Everett, PA. The bride is the granddaughter of the Homer Lingenfelters.

Klingler: Linnie Moore and Gene Klingler, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Fremont, OH, were united in marriage at the Grace Brethren Church of Orlando, FL, on February 9, 1991. The officiating pastors were Bill Smith and Ron Guiles.

Deaths

Dan Gillette, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Covington, VA,

reports the deaths of the following five long-time members:

Jesse Thomas, 84,

September 26, 1990.

Stella Fridley, 85, October 17, 1990.

I. B. Hawkins, 81, December 21, 1990.

Norman Armentrout, 71, January 19, 1991.

Mavie Craghead, 84, February 14, 1991.

Dague, Hettie. The memorial service was held on February 23, 1991. She was the oldest member (98) of the Homerville Grace Brethren Church. Robert Holmes, pastor.

Diito, Charles. He was a former Brethren Missionary Herald board member and a very active layman in the Calvary Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, MD. Memorial services were held on March 7, 1991. Norman Mayer, pastor.

Mitchell, Lawrence, 70, February 7, 1991. He was a deacon and a member of the Ghent Grace Brethren Church, Roanoke, VA, for sixty years. His son, David Mitchell, pastor of the Waipio Grace Brethren Church in Mililani, HI, gave a tribute to his father during the service. Nathan Leigh, pastor.

OUT OF THE NEST!

by Dr. Charles R. Davis

With a little apprehension, a giant leap, and much joy the Ocala Grace Brethren Church flew out of the Home Missions nest on January 1, 1991. The word "self-support" can conjure up an assortment of mental images for those who have been under the care of a parent organization. "What if?" can be a devastating thought when leaving the nest.



Pastor Charles and Millie Davis

Our church began meeting as a Bible study on November 11, 1982. It was led by Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, retired pastor and former Dean of Students at Grace College. The initial group of faithful brethren met in several different homes for study and prayer and in December, 1984, incorporated as the Ocala Grace Brethren church. The thirteen charter members called Rev. Kriegbaum to be their Pastor.

In the spring of 1985 the church entered into a contract with the Grace Brethren Home Missions Council and a partnership with the East Central Florida District of Grace Brethren Churches. The nesting relationship had begun.

Pastor Chuck Davis and his wife, Millie, were called to be the new church-planting team. Their ministry in Ocala began on February 1, 1986. A plan was drawn up to be self-supporting and leave the Home Missions nest in five years.

The original group, which had been meeting in a mobile home park about twelve miles east of Ocala, saw the need to relocate into the city. A midweek Bible study met in the Pastor's home, and a search was begun to locate a more suitable meeting place.

Anticipating continued growth, the group purchased ten acres of beautiful wooded lands on which to build a church facility in the future. A loan to buy the land was arranged with the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation in September, 1987. But self-support was a distant thought. The nest was cozy.

Growth pushed the congregation into a larger and more adequate room in a new shopping center. It was a giant step of faith for the small congregation, as the building rent and payment on the land loan were more than the offerings received.

God blessed the preaching of His Word, and the congregation bonded into a family, developing a vision for a church facility and outreach into the community.

God was also working in other ways. Scott and Susan Kerr felt His call to full-time gospel ministry.

With their daughters, Megan and Kendra, they were commissioned by the church in the spring of 1989 and sent to Grace Schools at Winona Lake, Indiana, to prepare for the ministry.

Numerical growth and the rising costs of renting a building and making loan payments soon made it imperative to build. The congregation obtained a building loan from the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation, and a ground-breaking service was held on September 10, 1989.

Rev. Ed Jackson, Home Missions and Yokefellow representative, helped to obtain the services of Mr. Vernon Latham as construction supervisor. The Grace Brethren Yokefellows responded to a call for help, and construction began on September 18, 1989. Self-support was moving closer to reality. The time to vacate the nest was growing closer.

The congregation moved into its new facility on January 28, 1990. Building dedication was a two-day event on March 31 and April 1 that year. Friends from around the world came to celebrate what God had done in this community.

It was necessary to prepare for self-support by the end of the year when the baby would have to leave the nest. It was a financial struggle, and as December approached, it became apparent that only the grace of God would enable the church to survive in a self-support status. In the fall of 1990, the congregation voted unanimously to go self-supporting in January, 1991. The goal set five years before would be met right on schedule.

February 3, 1991, was Self-Support Day. Rev. Kurt Miller, Southern representative for Grace Brethren Home Missions, and Rev. Bill Smith, East Central Florida District Missions Board Chairman, were present to celebrate this exciting event. Rev. Miller presented to the congregation a plaque commemorating the event, and Rev. Smith brought formal congratulations from the District churches.



The Grace Brethren Church in Ocala, Florida

A special cake and a carry-in dinner made the day complete.

Self-support is great—sort of like being a grown-up—scary, but offering a great sense of freedom. It has not been realized without a great deal of sacrifice on the part of many people worldwide. The prayers, time, energy, and money of our friends around the world have been invested in our ministry. It is our hope and prayer that self-support does not mean an end to these relationships, but rather a deepening of them.

Self-support now presents us with greater opportunities to minister to others. Our focus, for the most part, has been local and inward, but now with the foundation laid, our vision needs to grow broader and greater as our people and resources multiply. We want to mother other churches and see them fly from the nest. It is a great experience. Our missions commitment needs to increase and we need to do a better job in assisting our missionaries.

Self-support means it is time to expand the vision at home, as well. The harvest field in our home county is multiplying at the rate of six thousand people a year. In addition, we have outgrown our education space and a building program can't be too far in the future.

Out of the nest? We sure are . . . but we thank Grace Brethren Home Missions for helping us to fly!

Readers who would like to write Pastor Davis to assure him of their prayer support may contact him at: Ocala Grace Brethren Church, 6474 NE 7th St., Ocala, FL 32671.



Self-Support Day: Home Missions' representative, Rev. Kurt Miller, cuts the "apron strings" on the cake as Pastor Chuck Davis looks on.

Wedertz Resignation

With great appreciation for thirty-three years of faithful and fruitful ministry, I am announcing the resignation of Larry Wedertz as Superintendent of the Navajo Mission, effective December 31, 1991. Larry and his wife, Jonnie Lou, are to be commended for their hard work and heart for ministry, spanning more than three decades, among the Navajo Indians, the largest of native American tribes.

A search has begun for a successor to Rev. Wedertz, and a job description can be obtained by writing our office, attention Jesse Deloe.

Larry N. Chamberlain
Executive Director
Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries



Larry and Jonnie Lou Wedertz

Kent Appointment

Executive Director Larry Chamberlain has announced the appointment of Miss Brenda Kent as accountant for the three corporations associated with the home office: Grace Brethren Home Missions, Navajo Ministries, and the Investment Foundation.



Miss Brenda Kent

Effective April 1, Brenda assumed the responsibility for financial oversight for these ministries including data processing, accounting, planning and budgeting, financial analysis, and management of assets and liabilities. She will be assisted by capable and experienced financial personnel in all three cooperative organizations.

For the past five years Miss Kent has served as the Administrative Assistant to Russ Dunlap in the office of the Grace Brethren Financial Planning Service. She will continue to oversee some aspects of that work for a limited time. Prior to that, Brenda was accountant and, later, office supervisor at Grace Village Retirement Community in Winona Lake.

Birthday Celebration



Riiiiiiiiiiiiing!

"Hi, Doreen. This is Amy. How is your day going? Pretty well, huh. Do you have a few minutes to talk? . . .

"Well, I was just thinking. We have a

big birthday coming up this year, and I was wondering if you would like to help me plan a celebration.

"No, it's not anyone in my family, really, but this birthday affects lives all over the world.

"What, is it someone you know?

"Of course it is. You even helped bring her into being. In fact, we all helped. She's younger than us, but she's showing her age more than we are. You still don't know who I'm talking about? Why, the Foreign Missionary Residence in Winona Lake, of course. She means a lot to a lot of people. Can you believe it's been almost ten years since the



The Missionary Residence is nearing its tenth birthday.

residence was finished in November of 1981? After the carpenters left and the equipment was installed, Mrs. Ada Taber was the first to occupy the new building. Since then, the rooms have been used over 900 different times. Just think of all the people who have benefited from the Missionary Residence! The missionaries coming and going to the fields find a welcome and the supplies they need for their stay. They have never been disappointed. Sometimes they have needed to stay longer than they had intended. This past year, for example, the Wainwrights were in the area, intending to get their physicals and be on their way. The Lord really brought them here at the right time, because Marilyn needed surgery before she went to Africa. Their intended two-week stay was extended to almost two months. Where would they have found a home otherwise?

"You know something else, Doreen? I was talking with Miss Ruth Kent, who lives permanently at the Missionary Residence and helps coordinate a lot of its use. She was telling me that when the house is not full of missionaries it has been a convenient place for Board members and college speakers to stay for a short time. There have been times we could house families from other missions also, and they were able to help out with donations for their stay. Isn't it great how this gift has been used of the Lord?

"Oh, no, there goes the doorbell! I'll call you back later, Doreen, to find out what ideas you have for the celebration. Bye, now!"



Life at the Missionary Residence

by Miss Ruth Kent

So you ladies would like to know what goes on at the Missionary Residence. Ruth Snyder and I are retired missionaries who live here. The other faces change often. During conference it was very quiet but afterwards they began coming in.

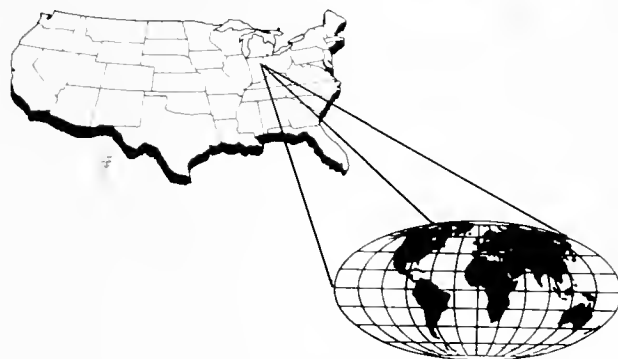
Marian Thurston was the first to arrive. She drove here from Iowa although she was sick. Within two days, she was in the hospital. She is now here under the watchful eye of Dr. Walker.

Margaret Hull was the next to arrive after conference for a weekend. Ted Kirnbauers, from Japan, needed the residence for four days. Just before departing for the field, the Wainrights needed a place to stay while they had their doctor's visits and physicals. They were delayed longer because of Marilyn's need of more medical treatment, even surgery. Where would they live without a place like this provided for them?

The Dave Guiles family needs an apartment until they leave for Argentina the first of the year. Without an empty place for them, Marian moved into the single room of Apartment 2 until the Hobarts left on September 2nd for France.

Yes, Austins and Garbers need a place for this year. When our Brethren missionaries do not fill the place, we let other missionaries in. The Houghtons, from England, were here for thirteen days. They are Baptists.

Besides the living facilities, we have the *All Nations Room* which is used for groups that are



too big for an apartment. Even the District WMC officer's meetings are held there. The Hines used it recently on a Sunday for a family gathering. The "Africans" who live close by were too many when they surprised me on my birthday.

You can see, it is a place of blessing in many ways.

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WMC Offering:

(March, April, May)

(send before June 10)

Foreign Missions

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Projects: \$3,000 for printing of
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\$6,000 for a vehicle for Portugal

Missionaries of the Year Offering

We suggest a goal of \$1.50 a year per member.

BIBLE READING HONOR ROLL

The following is a list of those from the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church who completed reading the Bible through in 1990.

Bruce Barlow	Esther Frank	Frances Ogden
Christi Barlow	Louise Garber	Gerald Polman
Carl Beridon	Dorothy Goodman	Phyllis Polman
Inez Burns (2)	Kittie Grill	Mary Lou Ringler (2)
Lynn Caraway	Lee Jenkins	Miss Ruth Snyder
Mary Clouse	Homer Kent	Pauline Sumey
Paul Dick	Ruth Kent	Gary Tanner
Esther Dick	Ken Kohler	June Turner
Marjorie Foote	Gertrude Kohler	Ben Zimmerman

Della Stroup of the Osceola GBC also read through the Bible.

An Interview with Dr. Charles R. Smith

by Dr. Richard L. Mayhue

Editor's note: Dr. Charles R. Smith, former Grace Seminary Director of Admissions and Professor of Theology, went to be with the Lord on August 29, 1990 after a long bout with cancer. At the time of his death, he was Dean Emeritus of The Master's Seminary in Sun Valley, Calif. Dr. Richard L. Mayhue of The Master's Seminary interviewed Dr. Smith shortly before his death, and we think some of Chuck's (as he was affectionately called by so many) final thoughts would be of interest to our readers.

"Everyone, I think, is aware of the fact that I have a disease that has been becoming more and more debilitating for a number of months. I was advised a little over a year ago that my cancer had moved into my lungs and that it was terminal. There was nothing that could be done about it. At that time, the best estimate was that I would have less than a year to live. The Lord has already exceeded that year by well over a month and it has been a great year. When you have a whole year to focus on looking at eternity, then you have a whole year to focus on developing relationships with loved ones that will be relationships that have impact for eternity. I have had a fantastic opportunity that not very many people have.

"One of the tumors has impinged upon a nerve that controls my left vocal cord. My left vocal cord is now completely paralyzed. So I am able to speak using only my right vocal cord which gives me a great deal of limitation but at least allows me to be heard. It became obvious that the disease was not going to allow me to continue my ministry with the same kind of vim, vigor, and vitality that I wanted to and it's pretty hard to have a seminary dean who can't speak, to start with, and also to have a seminary dean who doesn't have much energy. I did not want to see the seminary reach a place where I was sort of a dragging factor, and I knew that there was no need for that.

"We have a Wednesday morning President's Administrative Council meeting, and I had been praying about it and I had decided that it was time to make the change. I decided that it wasn't the wise thing to do to try to maintain status quo. I suggested the change to the president's council and I talked to them about it and I think they understood my feelings, but they said "No, let's let things be as they are. We'll just do the best we can until the Lord takes you home or until you're hospitalized." I was encouraged by that just simply because I like for my friends to like me and support me, and yet I didn't think it was the right decision. The next week I spoke with John MacArthur and I

explained to him what I had told the president's cabinet. He listened and said, "I agree with you one hundred percent. I've been thinking that's what we ought to do."

"So the new Vice President and Dean of The Master's Seminary is Dr. Richard Mayhue. The thing that makes it so unusual is the fact that Dick and I have worked together for so many years. We have been dear friends for nineteen years. We have had precious time of prayer together in Winona Lake, Indiana and in Los Angeles, California, and we have been on the same team. Dick came back last year to help us reorganize our pastoral ministries program, which is a major part of our seminary program. It was an area where we had our greatest weaknesses, and now it is a degree where we have some of our greatest strengths.

"Dick Mayhue and I have been good friends for years and I knew that he was the man that the Lord would have to fill in this particular gap. I had the privilege of teaching Dick some theology courses in his basic seminary curriculum, in his Master of Divinity curriculum, and then when he came back to work on his doctoral program. I was also the chairman of the committee under which he wrote his doctoral dissertation. Then after that he returned to work as a colleague.

"I have seen Dick's honesty in facing his own questions about his abilities which is refreshing to me. Dick is not one of these men who comes in and thinks he has all the answers and knows how to do everything. He comes in with fear and trepidation; he comes in on his knees. He comes in asking the Lord for help. That's exactly what I want at The Master's Seminary."

"Because the Lord built all these years together, I do not have any questions about Dick being the right man for the job. Dr. Mayhue is a long-time friend, a long-time colleague, one who trusts the Lord, and one I know as a peacemaker. He will not try to promote himself. His concern is to promote the Lord, and to promote the Lord first."

"My new title is Dean Emeritus. There are things that I can do to help the seminary, and help Dick. I've got more experience in working with the



Dr. Charles R. Smith

seminary budget for example, than anyone else. I've got more experience working with catalogs and faculty handbooks, and various things like that. Even though they may not be major things, they are things that need to be done."

"Anyone who devotes his life to seminary is concerned about preaching and being able to build men of God. That means far more than preparing a man who is able to stand up in the pulpit and say, "Thus saith the Lord." That's easy. My concern, primarily, is that we are able to train men of God. I want a man whose heart is burning with love for the Lord and a man whose heart is burning with love for others. When he stands in the pulpit, he has a message that he wants to convey."

"Someone needs to continue to lead the seminary and develop the whole concept of developing that man of God. A man who can do more than just preach; a man who can, in his personal life, model what it means to be one who loves the Lord with all his heart and knows how to spur one another on to love others. What is needed is not just guys who can parse the verbs, and not just guys who can diagram their Hebrew. Those things can be very, very helpful. What is needed is men who know how to relate the Bible to life, who take the Bible for what it says, who believe it for what

it says, and know how to talk to people about it. I'm just talking about putting Christianity into shoe leather."

"When I describe the seminary I describe it as a lab. One, it is a learning lab where you learn Theology and Greek and Hebrew and so forth. Two, it is a living lab. It is where you learn how to live; that's the discipling aspects of it. You learn how to live the Christian life and not only live it but learn how to talk about it. Three, the seminary is a skills lab; a lab for learning how to put into practice all those professional aspects of being able to serve the Lord effectively in a pastoral ministry."

"Our biggest challenge is to continue to recruit the kind of young men who we are interested in investing ourselves in. We want men who are academically gifted and academically qualified, but more importantly we want men whose hearts burn for God." —Charles R. Smith

On behalf of the faculty and student body, we accept that challenge to continue forth knowing that our adequacy comes from God alone (2 Cor. 3:5-6).

—Richard L. Mayhue, Th.D. is Vice President and Dean as well as a professor of Pastoral Ministries at The Master's Seminary in Sun Valley, CA.



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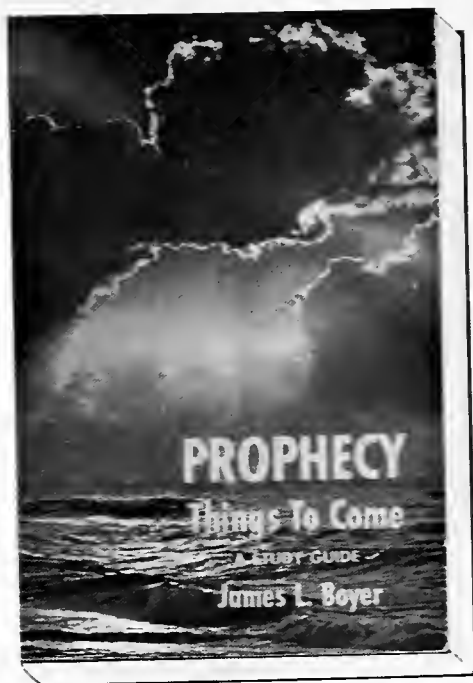
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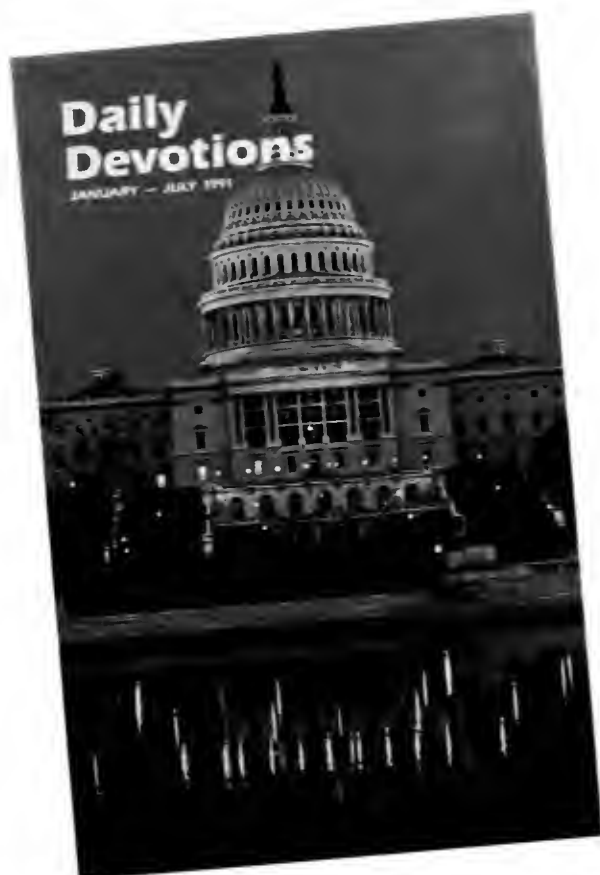
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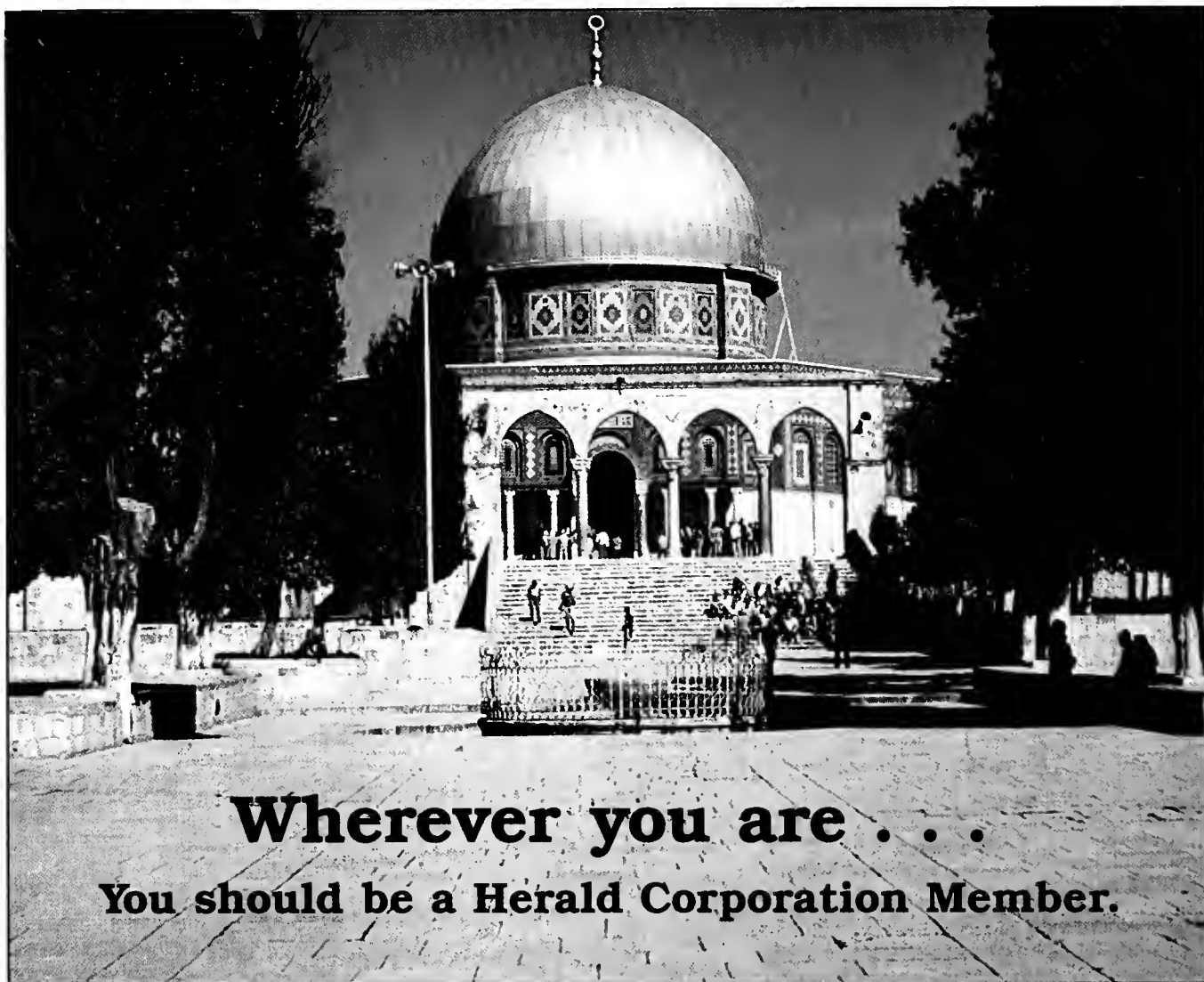
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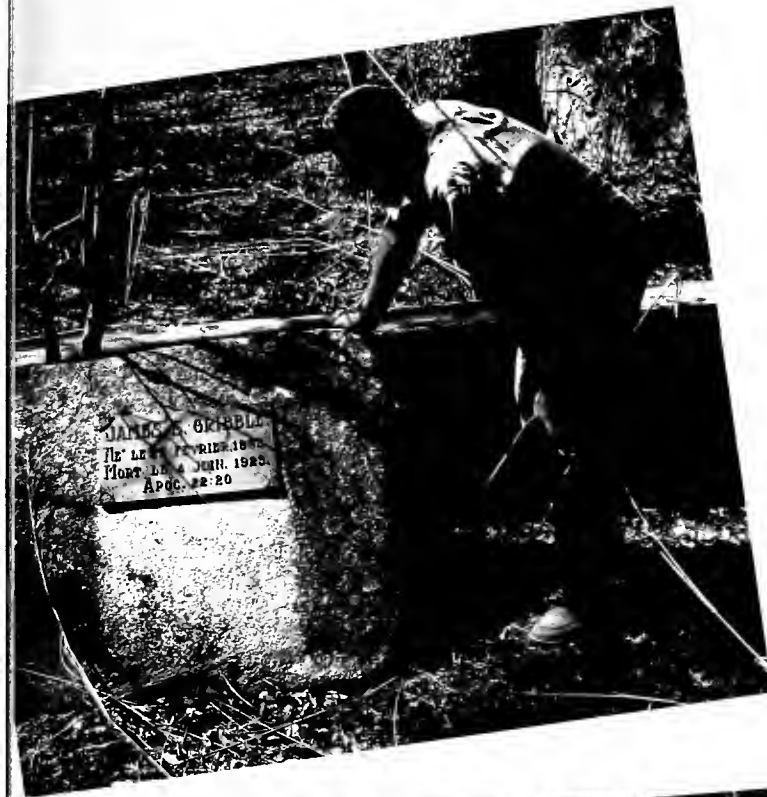
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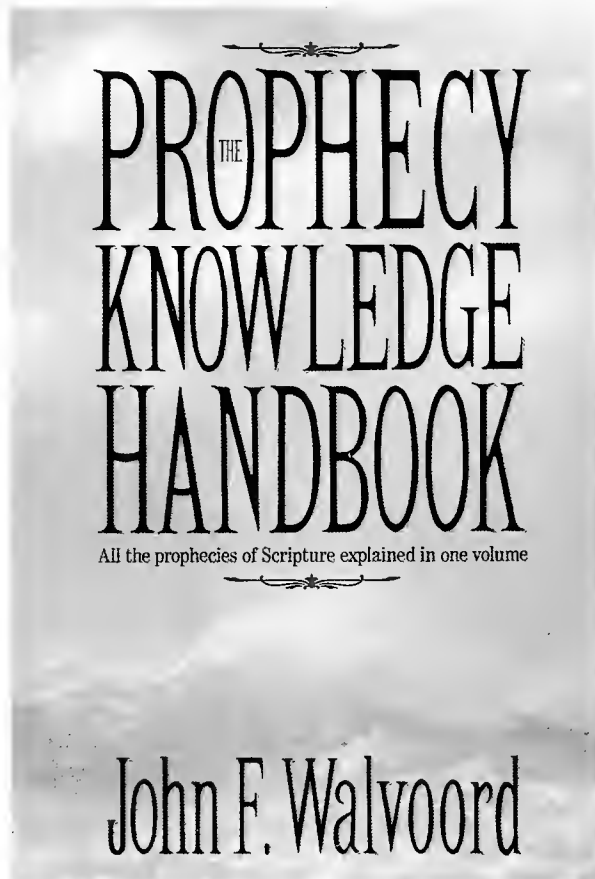
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John F. Walvoord is Chancellor of Dallas Theological Seminary. He served as its second president from 1952 to 1986, and was on the Dallas faculty for fifty years. The Prophecy Knowledge Handbook is Dr. Walvoord's nineteenth book.

I recently ran across some interesting information about my state of Indiana. I was originally a "Buckeye" from Ohio, and many have asked, "What is a Buckeye"? Then, after spending much of my adult life as a Hoosier in Indiana, I have been asked "What is a Hoosier"? So you can see why I am always looking for some interesting and helpful information about my state . . . it all helps to give me identity.

To discover that Indiana was once the auto capital of the world helped me to be proud of this great state. In fact, the state of Indiana produced 300 makes of automobiles before World War I. (I did not even know there were 300 makes of cars produced that early in history.) Now for the bad news . . . Indiana currently does not produce one make of American domestic automobiles. When the Studebaker went the way of the Desoto and the Packard, Indiana went out of the domestic car business. However, we do manufacture some Japanese cars in the state.

The point is that former leaders in business and industry lose their edge and cease to exist as a thriving, vital organization. So many former leaders who were once motivated to succeed in their field simply became memories of what they were. Whether a car manufacturer or a sales outlet or even a church, it is possible to become only a memory of what was.

There is a warning in the scripture that applies to the Christian—the command to run the race and fight the battle so as not to be a cast-away. Churches that lose their mission and focus tend to lose their spiritual strength. There has to be a reason for being—without this goal or reason there is mere function without accomplishment.

One of the many problems that confront churches today is the very problem of having a reason for existence. Ask the typical church why they exist and you will get one of several answers — "to win people to Christ" is

high on the list of answers. Yet often there is no plan, program or preaching which points in that direction. "Glorifying God" is another good answer to the question of purpose for being. This is an excellent answer but very few have any knowledge of what this means in practical terms.

There is a continuing ritual that churches go through each week of the year . . . year after year. But the accomplishment of their goal is very seldom realized. This brings both frustration to the persons in the pew and a burn-out to the person in the pulpit. Churches do not always disappear like the hundreds of auto manufacturers that have disappeared in Indiana or businesses that closed their doors. Churches remain open but they have not retained their reason to exist. They are running but they do not know where. They are going through the motions but they are not certain they are pleasing God.

It would seem there is a need to do some focusing—some questions need to be asked and then answered. If we are just going through the motions of doing what is traditional, then we may have empty actions. There is a crying need for reality to put Christianity into action. Our message must be based on the Word of God and we must preach it without fear. That is the basis for being, and we must apply that message to the needs of our generation with the help of the Holy Spirit.

There are many organizations that can reach out to help with temporal needs of mankind but the church holds a message from God that is eternal in nature. If we have not kept that eternal priority in focus it is possible that we have lost our right to exist and to have the respect of both God and man.

History tells us that businesses which do not carry out their purpose are overtaken and cease to be. Where are all of those 300 car manufacturers that once functioned in Indiana? There are churches that no longer exist



Starting Is Good, But What About The Whole Race?

by Charles W. Turner

because they forgot their purpose. There are also many persons who formerly seemed to be followers of God, but their pathway has changed. There are also some churches that have lost their right to function because they have forgotten that Jesus is the Christ and they proclaim many things but not the message of eternal life in a crucified and risen Savior.

A good start is excellent but unless there is a good conclusion something has gone wrong.

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Herald Magazine Policy

As enacted August 1, 1986

After considerable discussion on the Brethren Missionary Herald Board a new emphasis of direction for our magazine was established by the following motion.

1. It is the purpose of the BMH magazine to communicate to the members of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches the news of its ministries and the current state of the church.
2. This shall be accomplished through news reporting editorials, articles and advertisements from the FGBC boards and interviews of persons best qualified to present information of general concern.
3. The content of the BMH magazine is determined by the Executive Editor under guidelines established by the BMH Board of Trustees. It is not the organ of any single interest, but seeks to serve the general interests of the entire FGBC in pursuing its Scriptural goals.

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Ministry Update

WINTER BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board of Directors of Brethren Evangelistic Ministries met in Ocala, Florida on February 8 and 9. Vice President, Vernon Harris, announced his retirement effective this Summer, completing 15 years of faithful service. Ron Thompson was extended a call to continue as Executive Director. Angie Ellis has been placed on staff, part-time, serving as office assistant and computer operator. A total income of nearly \$72,000 was received in 1990, exceeding all previous years. Directors were assigned working responsibilities within various sub-committees to facilitate BEM's ministry focus.

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(Children's program) seminars were conducted in Grace Brethren Churches in Port Richey, Maitland, Ocala, and Orlando, Florida during January and February. Ron and Thelma Thompson were joined by George Traub, Tony DeRosa, Mike and Terica Williams, Ken Lash, and Don Brotherton in these team efforts. Many individuals made public decisions of consecration as the churches were challenged to mobilize for evangelism.

The FLORIDA

SUNCOAST CONFERENCE was held in Brooksville, Florida on February 23. The First Love Renewal Team provided the messages and music during the conference which concluded with a special season of prayer and consecration. Ron and Thelma Thompson ministered in the Lakeland, Florida GBC on Sunday, February 24, prior to leaving for a ministry tour in Mexico and Guatemala.

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A New Direction For Sunday School

This article is written as a challenge to the FGBC from Ed Lewis, Executive Director, of CE National, Inc. He was recently challenged by reading an article by Rev. Keith Drury, a friend in another denomination who shares similar concerns.

It's obvious that Sunday school in the FGBC is in trouble. In the last decade there has been a drop in Sunday school attendance from 36,500 to 29,513. Added emphasis is given to the dilemma of Sunday school when we realize that in addition to decreasing attendance in Sunday school, worship service attendance has remained steady. In 1989, over 12,500 people attended church who did not attend Sunday school. That means that for many people they've become "one-hour-a-week" Christians and *that* should concern us. Accom-

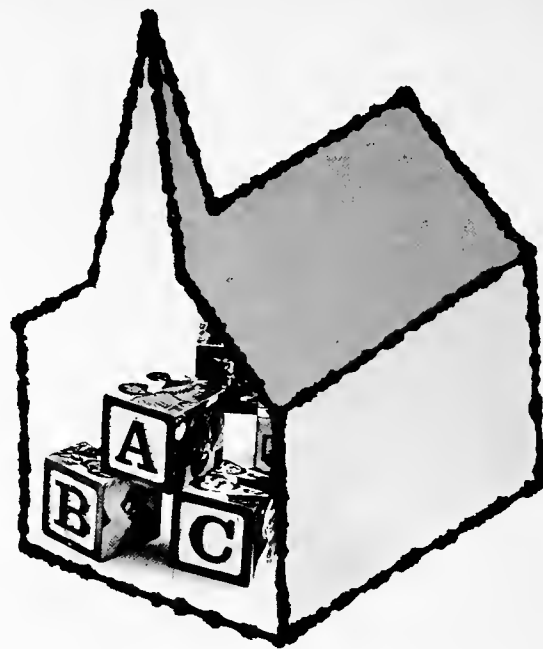
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panying the fact of decreased Sunday school attendance are discouraged Sunday school superintendents and many church leaders who simply ignore this trend in local churches.

This situation is not unique to the FGBC. In fact, many evangelical denominations are experiencing this trend while worship attendances remain steady or are increasing.

Even though adults comprise 51 percent of Sunday school attendance, many consider Sunday school to be childish or synonymous with something juvenile or unnecessary. The fact that most who attend are adults may not be an encouraging trend but rather a demonstration of a de-emphasis on children's ministries. Through the years we've encouraged churches to change the name to ABF's (Adult Bible Fellowships) in order to make it more attractive to adults.

Should it concern us that over 12,000 people have become one-hour-a-week believers? Maybe they're in small discipleship groups at some other time. But let's be honest—this group is in the



minority. Even the churches that opt for discipleship groups during the week rather than Sunday school find few can commit to *another* night out. A concern related to week-night discipleship groups is the children who lose important teaching times when babysitting is offered during these Bible studies instead of the consistent instruction children receive in Sunday school.

During the last decade attendance in mid-week services did not increase and most of those who did attend were youth or children involved in club ministries. Even Sunday night attendance has decreased in most churches. Some churches opt not to have consistent Sunday evening services. These trends add further credibility to the fact that we are seeing thousands becoming one-hour-a-week Christians.

No one would lay down his life for Sunday school. It's merely a tool to help accomplish God's purpose until something better comes along. The fact is that nothing has come along to replace the scope and purpose of Sunday school.

That purpose is *discipleship*! It's the second half of the Great Commission. It's our theme verse at CE National this year. It's "teaching them to obey all I have commanded you." It's the command to teach *obedience*. It's not merely teaching facts, beliefs, or knowledge; it's teaching obedience. As someone said, "All knowledge is the outgrowth of obedience. Everything else is just information." The mission of Sunday school is "teaching them to obey."

There are many kinds of discipling ministries: *one-on-one*; *cell-group* (3 to 7 people); or *group discipleship* (15 to 30 people). In group discipleship there's a large enough gathering to be considered a group yet small enough to build warmth, fellowship, accountability, and sharing.

While Sunday school isn't one-on-one or cell group discipleship, it needs to be seen as group

No one would lay down his life for the sake of Sunday school.

discipleship. It's "entry level discipleship." It's an opportunity for a teacher to shepherd the class members, build into their lives, give challenges and bring accountability. It's also an effective way to encourage further cell-group studies (developed from those within the class).

Sunday school is the "next step" - the left foot. It's the step after someone attends worship (right foot). The one-hour-a-week group needs the care of a teacher/leader and a group of 15-30 people committed to helping one another become obedient to Christ. Even though cell group or one-on-one discipleship is very effective, it would be unusual to see one half or more of a church attendance involved in these small groups. It's a big step to commit to another night or small group study. Sunday school group discipleship is a more practical step.

Benefits of seeing adult Sunday school as group discipleship are:

1. It's the logical "next step" (left foot) after Sunday worship.
2. Children are being trained while adults are there.
3. It's not another night out. (If we can't get them to attend one hour before or after worship, let's face it - it will be harder to get another time commitment.)
4. It gives a church the opportunity for group discipleship of believers. (If it doesn't work, then scrap Sunday school and use another format and time schedule to accomplish the second half of the Great Commission.) It's simply not an option to drop Sunday school and hope another option will surface.
5. It's a simple way to do "deaconing" and care through using Sunday AM discipleship groups. (They'll know the felt needs of its members—sickness, unemployment, deaths, hurts, etc.)
6. It's a simple format that's already flexible (topics, discussions, prayer, sharing, coffee).
7. If people won't come at a time contiguous to the worship hour, they probably won't be fast to participate in ministries such as choir, VBS, or church visitation (which require additional hours of time committed each week).
8. Communication is simpler. Church-family news, prayer concerns, projects or coming events can be communicated through discipleship leaders (teachers).

Sunday school has changed its focus through the years. It's not primarily the "evangelism" arm of the church. It's now the shepherding/discipleship arm—the next step after worship.

In the present decade we need to see churches getting excited about discipleship. As this happens, we can expect impacting results. Pastors and Sunday school superintendents are going to realize the mission of Sunday school is to teach obedience—it's discipleship. Pastors will involve themselves in the discipling work. Many churches will give adult Sunday school a new name such as "Adult Bible Fellowships," "Discipling Groups,"

"AM Training," "Step Two," or "Care Groups." Sunday school teachers will abandon the idea of teaching for knowledge and adopt a "shepherd/teacher" role with a goal of not "teaching the material," but teaching people how to obey God. This is where the Bible becomes practically applied to believers' lives. As a result the FGBC will see a great increase in the Sunday school hour as people's hunger for God is fed and their commitment level rises. This impact can spill over to the entire church and lead to revival.

And now what about you? What response can you make to this? Do you agree that there's a desperate need for commitment among believers? Do you accept the idea of Sunday school's being the next step after worship—a step people need to take to encourage their spiritual growth? Do you agree that the mission of the Sunday school is discipleship—fulfilling the second half of the Great Commission?

If so, I'm not asking you to buy a training video, send an offering (although I'd always welcome it - smile), or use an 800 number to get "the answer" to your Sunday school. I'm asking you to do this:

1. Take the first step to revitalize Sunday school by sitting down as pastor(s), church leaders, Sunday school staff, and prayerfully adopting "discipleship" as the mission of Sunday school.
2. Consider the importance of that decision and its impact on your teachers. People won't give hundreds of hours to "teach a lesson" but the cause of discipleship—helping people to be Christlike—now, that's a cause to which most of us will make a commitment.
3. Think about how this would be "fleshed-out" in a typical class, so that the "end-product" of the time in Sunday school produces a maturing, obedient Christian.
4. Get full "ownership" of this concept among your elder board, church leaders, and Sunday school superintendent. Pray about it and then talk about it publicly. It doesn't necessarily change the teachers or curriculum, but it will certainly effect the focus in most of your classes.

The focus of Sunday school must change— to discipleship.

There may be many questions that surface as you consider this in your churches or classes. When all agree that from this point on the Sunday school hour will wholeheartedly give itself to the task of discipling people, you'll be excited at what God will do through it. A great spiritual awakening can and will begin.

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Lessons From the War for His Church

by Pastor Ron Boehm

As I listened to the daily war reports, two themes often recurred. One was this: "I want to go home." And who didn't? No soldier was lost to the citizenship of these foreign lands. They loved home and longed to be there as soon as possible, much the same way Christians long to be with Christ. Going to be with Him will put behind us this desert-like experience once for all (Revelation 21:4).

The second theme was: "let's get the job done!" The soldiers wanted to get it over with - they wanted to complete the task at hand in short order, and by God's grace, they did. Our troops were so successful in such a short period of time that even the reporters were impressed with the efficiency of the operation.

The reports and interviews with General Schwarzkopf, Commander of the Allied Forces, led me to think about the spiritual warfare in which the church is involved in this age.

Goals

The allied forces had a clear goal: regain Kuwait. This objective meant that they could not sit on the safe side of the border and do nothing; it meant that they were not expected to rain terror down on all of Iraq until it was reduced to nothing but rubble; it meant they were not expected to conquer the entire Middle East.

Consequently, as our forces flanked the Iraqi positions to the west and moved to within 150 miles of Bagdad without opposition, they remained true to their goal by turning away from Bagdad. Instead, they pivoted due east to engulf the region of Kuwait and regain it.

The Church has a clear objective given by Christ Himself: make disciples (Matthew 28:19,20). How much better off the world would be if the Church remained faithful to His Commission! In the words of one well known church growth expert: "The most effective means of fulfilling the Great Commission known under heaven is the starting of new churches." If we - the Church - are going to be victorious in the spiritual warfare of the day, we must stick to the objective given us by our Lord. As a former Home Missions Pastor I thank God for the vision, support and encouragement provided by our churches through Grace Brethren Home Missions. They continually remind us and prod us to stick to the main objective of the Church in the most effective way - by planting new churches.

Resources

President Bush promised the American people that our men would not fight with "one hand tied behind their backs." Who was not impressed with the number of sorties flown each day and the payload they delivered? And when the ground war began, our forces held nothing back. In just 100 hours it was over.

Soldiers love home and long to be there; to pursue the American dream and squander our time and money is like saying we really don't want to leave this desert and go home!

How much more should ALL our resources be brought to bear on the spiritual conflict at hand (see I Peter 4:10, 11). When it comes to our involvement in fulfilling the Great Commission, no missionary or local church should have to struggle along nearly choked for the want of resources.

One of our most valuable resources is time. We are implored to use this precious resource with all wisdom for "the days are evil" (Ephesians 4:15). To pursue the American dream and squander our time and money (time translated), is like saying we really don't want to leave this desert and go home!

As we are making plans here in Macedonia to construct our building to aid us in obeying the Great Commission, I have been impressed with the number of men, both within our church and from other Grace Brethren Churches (via Yokefellow), who are willing to give of their time and talents to get the job done. These men have families and some have jobs, but sacrificially they are willing to contribute their TIME to the cause of Christ.

Cooperation

The General had only the highest praise for the members of the coalition and their commitment to work together. The military units of the various forces synchronized their efforts, timing their moves to support each other.

A friend of one of our small group members flew an F-14. The second day mission, one which he particularly feared because of its danger, required his squadron to refuel in mid-air. The air was turbulent and only he and one other plane were

able to take in enough fuel to keep going. When the other planes turned back for lack of fuel, he pressed on to his target. Why? Because his mission was to support British Tornados who were counting on the success of his flight to protect them as they approached their targets. The timing was crucial and they were depending on each other.

The battle in which we are engaged demands teamwork

So also, the church must work together. Though the body is one, yet there are many members. We must rely on each other. We are all called upon to sacrifice our pleasure for the common good of His Church (Ephesians 4:1-3). If we continually contend with each other, the cause of Christ suffers loss (Galatians 5:15). The battle in which we are engaged demands teamwork, and teamwork demands cooperation, cooperation humility, and humility grace. If we will be the GRACE Brethren Fellowship, we must work together like a team with all grace to gain territory overrun by the Enemy.

Morale

Commenting on the apparent weakness of the enemy, General Schwarzkopf noted that they had lost their will to fight. Several factors led to their demoralization: 1) The Iraqi army was controlled by fear - at the slightest provocation a soldier, no matter what his rank, could be executed without a trial. 2) Units were treated unevenly - the Republican guard was paid three times the salary of the men on the front lines. 3) Men were coerced into service. One captured soldier was from Chicago and happened to be visiting a relative in Iraq when the war broke out; he had been coerced into service, and had no will to fight. He eagerly surrendered to coalition troops. 4) Supply lines had been severely disrupted by the allied bombings, and the Iraqi soldiers lacked food and water. All of these things worked together to destroy the fighting spirit so essential to any fit army.

Likewise, the morale of the Church is essential to the fight. We have been told to love and encourage one another. If we fail to do this, we lose our readiness for spiritual conflict. Instead of malicious criticism and complaining, we must encourage those churches across our Fellowship who are moving beyond the status quo. It is imperative that we boost their morale and maintain among us the will to fight the good fight for Christ.

Courage

One reporter asked the General why it was so "easy" to over-run the formidable defensive positions of the Iraqi army. The General paused, then set the reporter straight, saying it was nothing less

than heroic what the ground troops did that first day. He reminded the reporter that it is never easy to go through a mine field, and that our soldiers had done it with great courage. I later learned that the General himself had once crossed a mine field in Vietnam to rescue a fellow soldier; he knew courage from experience!

For the Church to succeed in the spiritual conflict, she too must act with courage. The word courage comes from the French word for heart. So, with heart she must battle against all ungodliness. As Grace Brethren people, living in the last days, how much more should we go about His work with heart - with courage!

So let's get the job done! Being a part of the Church is not like belonging to a club. Some of our Reservists and National Guard soldiers learned through Desert Shield that their organization had a sober mission. Though some were in it for their own financial gain, when duty called, they were suddenly awakened to reality.

Oh, that the Christian community would sense with equal sobriety the spiritual conflict to which it has been called! You see, making disciples via church planting is not a mere act of good will, optional in nature, nor is it a man-devised scheme to prolong the life of another despairing Protestant group, nor an accountant's suggestion to keep the coffers flowing with cash. Church Planting IS the Battle! Duty calls us and we must respond.

I believe that if we fight the good fight with God's goal in mind and heart, with all our available resources, with a commitment to cooperation, with high morale, and with great courage, we will make a significant impact for Christ in this needy world. Our General would want nothing less - "Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go . . . Go and make disciples! . . . I will build My Church!" Joshua 1:9; Matthew 28:19; Matthew 16:18.

THE END . . . or the Beginning?

Editor's Note

Ron Boehm is the pastor of the Western Reserve Grace Brethren Church in Macedonia, Ohio. After five years as a Home Missions church, the congregation went self-supporting late last Fall. They hope to break ground this Spring for their first building. This article was adapted by the author from the pastor's column in his church's monthly paper.



Pastor Ron Boehm

A Yokefellow in Africa

by Gene Moine

How excited I was on January 15, 1991, as I boarded the plane in Cleveland, Ohio bound for Chicago where I would join most of the African Yokefellow team! Even with the fact that this date was the deadline for Saddam to remove his troops from Kuwait to avoid a war, my enthusiasm did not lessen.

After a quick flight to Chicago, and not so quick one-half mile walk in search of the Air France departure gate, I was startled by a loud "Parlez-vous Francais?" Immediately, I recognized the voice to be that of Chuck Frost of Findlay, Ohio. Chuck, and his dear wife Margaret had served with me on the Yokefellow team to the Chateau in France several years earlier. Glen and Dorothy Bechtel from Minerva, Ohio joined us as well. I had become acquainted with this couple while working on the Navajo gymnasium some years ago. And with them was Ed Jackson, our national Yokefellow leader who originally came from my hometown of Rittman, Ohio. Great—all friends! Yet as I surveyed this group, I wondered whether we possessed the skills and energy to complete the projects planned for us in Africa.

I knew Chuck to be a handyman of many talents. Glen to be a qualified electrician as well as possessing other skills, and their wives to be wonderful cooks. I knew Ed Jackson possessed a variety of skills necessary for survival in Alaska. But who was to give us the needed expertise to design and build roof trusses for the missionary home and seminary building which we were to replace? We had one more to join us in Chicago and I prayed that he would be a builder.

My prayers were quickly answered as Don Williams walked up and introduced himself. I soon learned that he was a building contractor from the Goldendale, Washington Church. Two and a half weeks later, while we were at Bata station in Africa, I was to realize how completely God had answered my prayers. While I served as a very incompetent assistant to Don, I observed him quickly and accurately lay out, design, and build the new trusses for the eight sided seminary building whose low pitched leaking roof needed to be replaced. Don and Jim Hocking, our missionary leader, also figured a way to remove the old trusses using the seven ton truck for scaffold and transport along with the grunting assistance of the Yokefellow team and all available African workers, as well as Lloyd Wenger, a volunteer missionary serving in Bata. Then, these fellows figured how to use a



Tony Merriett, Chuck Frost, Ed Jackson, Margaret Frost, Don Williams, Dorothy Bechtel, Gene Moine, Glen Bechtel.

Mango tree, rope, pulley, all the available help plus the truck to install the huge trusses that were built.

After we arrived in Paris, we were joined by Tony and Cindy Merriett from New Ellenton, South Carolina. This couple certainly added youthful exuberance to our team. Tony proved to have numerous skills, one of which was to assist Glen as a competent electrician. Cindy was a great aid to Myra Taylor who gave birth to her third daughter, Kristen, soon after we arrived in Africa. (The Taylors are Sower Missionaries, from the Merriett's home church.)

As we landed in Bangui, God answered another prayer. For there, waiting to help us through customs, was Jim Hocking and Cheryl Kauffman. Although it is usually not possible for non-passengers to enter the customs room, their presence enabled us to get all the tools and mission supplies brought in by the Yokefellow team through customs at no charge! Thanks to all who sent supplies and were praying for this delightful result!

The next morning after arriving in Bangui, we headed upcountry by truck for two weeks of work projects at the Yaloke station. There, several Africans and myself were assigned to build a five room dirt block building, which was to house missionary offices, a bookstore, and storage areas. The blocks are made by the Africans using the sifted red clay soil mixed with water and then sun dried. After 30 years of working with masonry, this was an entirely new experience for me!

Thomas, a small statured young African was a

great help to me as I worked with mostly Africans and he knew a little English. This enabled me to converse with the helpers using Thomas as an interpreter. Raphielle, a young mason, taught me how to cut and size the dirt blocks by using a machete—which was a new tool of masonry for me, but just the right one for those dirt blocks! In turn, I showed Raphielle a few American ways to make the work easier and to improve results.

While these Africans and I worked on this dirt block building, the other Yokefellows labored alongside other Africans on various projects. They installed a new aluminum roof on Carol Mensinger's house. Tony and Glen rewired Carol's house and fabricated new metal valleys for the roof. Don and Chuck designed and installed new piping for the station water source, which supplies water for the whole mission complex. The springs also serve



Yokefellows on a hike to an African fort near Bassai.

as the community wash house and bath house. A great improvement in volume and quality of water was accomplished.

We ended our two week stay in Yaloke by celebrating the successful completion of our projects with a pig roast for the African laborers and Yokefellows. Several of the Yokefellows accompanied Jim Hocking and Mike Taylor as they traveled to town to choose a live pig for the roast. The owner was able to catch and load the unhappy pig upon the truck, with some assistance, for its trip back to the mission station, where several African workers dressed and roasted it. What a delightful evening we had feasting, socializing, and celebrating with our new African friends.

While in the Yaloke area the Yokefellows were able to visit two African churches and give words of greetings to those in attendance. One Sunday we shared in a district TTN (laymen) meeting. Ed Jackson awarded each active TTN member with a Yokefellow International badge. Previous to this, Ed, with Jim Hocking translating, presented a heart warming message of greeting and encouragement to the Africans from their American counterparts—our Yokefellow team. Then the TTN leaders presented Ed with a beautiful gift in apprec-

iation of his coming to Africa to meet with them.

Next we traveled to Bassai Hill where we visited the graves of the Gribbles and other pioneer missionaries to Africa. What a legacy they have left in the Central African Republic and even beyond its borders!

After leaving Bassai Hill, the Yokefellow's men along with Mike Taylor, Jim Hocking and Lloyd Wenger, spent the afternoon climbing the rock mountain to the fort built over a hundred years earlier by the Africans. What a historical treat to see where the Karre tribe had been able to escape the clutches of the Arab slave traders. However, our return down the mountain was not so pleasant as we were hurried along by a horde of flying gnats.

During our two week stay at the Bata station, some of the Yokefellow men worked on mission vehicles, others did electrical wiring on houses, offices and the seminary building. Some worked on water pumps and other equipment. All of us were involved in the replacement of the roof on the seminary building. It is hoped that the steeper pitched roofing will end the leaking problem.

As members of the Yokefellow team, we were able to give our testimonies in African churches, in TTN meetings, in a Youth meeting, and even to the seminary and Bible Institute students and their wives. It was a real joy to hear the Africans singing and to observe those radiant smiles as they praised our Almighty God. And what a privilege we had to share in the missionary prayer meetings. I repeatedly heard them pray for their supporting churches and their brethren in the states. Are we faithful in praying for them?

While at Bata, we Yokefellows were honored at a banquet given by the African members of the seminary faculty in appreciation for our work on the seminary building. What a delightful evening of sharing the great African food and hospitality! The banquet was served by African waitresses under the cool night sky . . . a huge table was set up at Pierre Yougouda's home to accommodate our group.

A day after returning to Yaloke, Don and I were privileged to view the African countryside when we were flown back to Bangui in the MAF plane by pilot Juerg Liesch. I will never forget the sad farewells to my African and missionary friends gathered along that grassy runway as we prepared to leave.

Three weeks later, I would arrive home, nearly two months after leaving for Africa. I had so many new experiences! So many new friends! What a great feeling in seeing the results of our foreign mission work in Africa! What satisfaction to see the quality of servants presently on the field! How rewarding to meet African Christians, fruits of your gifts to missionaries! And the joy of knowing that as a Yokefellow, you've encouraged your African Brethren and the missionaries.

Gene Moine is a retired high school math teacher from the Rittman, Ohio, Grace Brethren Church.

Meet these folks . . .

"An accepted missionary candidate has entered a no-man's-land, where he is neither fish or fowl, layman nor missionary." That's how Marjorie Collins describes the situation in her book, *Who Cares for the Missionary?* Others have called this special time a "life in limbo" experience, full of uncertainty, scary new challenges, and a mixture of excitement and discouragement. If you know an appointee, perhaps you can be an encourager. You can certainly pray for these fine people who have recently placed their feet in the icy waters of support raising, and are warming up to the realities of total dependence upon the Lord for supplying what seems to be a gigantic need.

May we introduce . . .



Tom and MaryAnn Barlow. The Barlows served as SOWers in France for two years and now want to return as career church planting missionaries in that country.

Tom was born in Milwaukee, WI, but grew up in Columbus, OH. He graduated from Grace College, has led Operation Barnabas teams on three summer tours, and has served as Jr. High youth pastor at Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church.

MaryAnn was born in Muncy, PA and grew up around New Holland, PA. She graduated from Grace College. For two years she was Administrative Secretary to the Executive Director of Grace Brethren Foreign Missions.

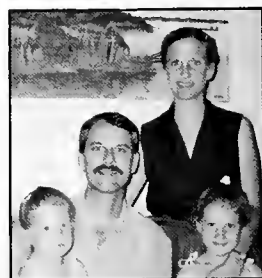
The Barlows were married August 18, 1984. They have one child, Nicole, born August 11, 1990. Tom is a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus OH, and MaryAnn considers the Grace Brethren Church of New Holland, PA as her home church. They want to leave for France in the fall of 1991.



Ted and Dawn Booker. These want to serve as SOWers in the Philippines. They have one child, Justin, born Aug. 24, 1990. They were married July 8, 1989. They are members of the Grace Brethren Church of Lynchburg, VA.

Ted was born in Callaway, NE and was raised as a preacher's kid and also as a missionary kid, having lived in Germany and Austria. He speaks German fluently. He is a graduate of Liberty University.

Dawn is the daughter of GBFM missionaries Bob and Brenda Juday and was born in Warsaw, IN. She is a graduate of Grace College and has already had some taste of missionary life and work in Brazil and the Philippines. Ted and Dawn have not yet set a date for departure.



Mike and Myra Taylor have already served for two years as SOWers in Central African Republic. They are now seeking to return there as career missionaries and were appointed to that in February, 1991.

Mike was born in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and graduated from Grace College. He also graduated as a Physicians Assistant from Medical University of South Carolina.

Myra was born in Darlington, SC, the daughter of a Baptist pastor. She is a graduate of Medical University of SC and is a nurse. They were married in 1981 and are members of the Grace Brethren Church of Aiken, SC.

The Taylors have three children, Rachel (Dec. 5, 1984), Rebekah (April 28, 1987), and Kristen (Jan. 19, 1991).

They hope to receive language training in France in 1992 and return to Africa in 1993.



Donna Fasnacht. Donna wants to serve as a SOWer in Central African Republic. She comes from Ephrata, PA and is a member of the Grace Brethren Church there. She attended Lancaster Bible College and the American Institute of Banking. She is an accomplished organist, and has been a loan officer in a bank for five years. Donna has the accounting skills that are needed in our mission in Bangui and is eager to fill that need, as early as August of 1991, if support is committed to her. Donna will replace Karen Foster in the office at Bangui, while Karen is in the US.



Karen Foster has already served for two years as a SOWer in Central African Republic and now wants to make a career of it. She was born in Wheeling, WV, but considers Columbus, OH as her home and is a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus.

She is a skilled bookkeeper and accountant and has proven herself to be a valuable addition to the staff in CAR. She anticipates returning to Africa in 1993, after French studies.



Steven and Celeste Kern. The Kerns want to serve in Germany and will go as two-year-term missionaries. Steve was born in Marion, OH and graduated from Grace College. He also received a Diploma in Theology from the Theological Practorium, Mansfield, OH.

Celeste was born in Mansfield, OH and attended Grace College. Her father is a preacher and a director for Child Evangelism Fellowship. They have a son, Jacob, born April 9, 1987. They were married Oct. 13, 1984.

Steve and Celeste are members of Woodville Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, OH, where Steve has been serving as an associate pastor. Their desire is to leave for Europe in July 1992.



Dennis and Jeanette Martin. The Martins met when Dennis was a SOWer missionary in France and were married Jan. 11, 1987. Dennis was born in Hagerstown, MD but grew up in New Holland, PA. He graduated from Geneva College and has taken additional work at Grace Seminary Extension in France and at Lancaster Bible College.

Jeannie was born and raised in Colorado Springs, CO and is a graduate of Grace College. She had previously been sent as a single career missionary to France.

Since completing Dennis's SOWer term in France, the Martins

have served in the youth ministry at New Holland Grace Brethren Church, where they are members.

They want to return to France as career missionaries in the fall of 1991, Lord willing.



Ralph and Joan Justiniano. The Justinianos want to serve the Lord in Japan, and are appointees for career service. Ralph was born in Manila, Philippines. He graduated from Orange Coast College and from Grace Bible Institute and Grace Theological Seminary.

Joan was born in Toledo, OH. She has attended Miami University, the University of Toledo, and Long Beach City College.

Ralph and Joan are members of the Long Beach Grace Brethren Church. They were married Sept. 15, 1983 and have two children: Megan (May 25, 1987) and Amanda (Oct. 3, 1988). They want to leave for Japan in June, 1992.



Gary and Linda McCaman want to serve in Argentina and will go as two-year-term missionaries.

Gary was born in Lakeview, MI. He graduated from the University of Iowa and Grace Theological Seminary. He is a preacher's son and has lived in Michigan, Illinois, Kansas, Colorado, Kentucky, Oregon and Montana. He has been associated with a hearing aid business and is a clinical audiologist.

Linda was born in Sioux City, IA and graduated from the University of Iowa. She has been an elementary school teacher and a tax preparer. They were exposed to missionary work in Costa Rica in 1989. They were married May 20, 1978 and have two children, Michael (April 11, 1982) and Jennifer (April 14, 1984). They are members of Community Grace Brethren Church, Warsaw, IN.

Their desire is to go to language school in the fall of 1991, then to Argentina in June, 1992.



Bonnie Nissley. Bonnie wants to serve the Lord as a SOWer missionary in the Philippines. She was born in Martinsburg, WV, where she grew up. She is a member of the Rosemont Grace Brethren Church of Martinsburg. She graduated from Grace College, and has taught in both Christian and secular schools. For several years she has led Operation Barnabas teams under the direction of CE National. She plans to teach in Faith Christian Academy in Manila for one year and then assist the youth ministries of the Filipino churches the rest of her term. She would like to go in July of 1991.

Support commitments are needed for all these missionaries. If you would like to be a part of their support team, please call or write GBFM, P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, IN 46590. 219/267-5161.

Personal Reflections

I have been encouraged by many to open up a limited number of pages of the Herald magazine to the expression of opinions and beliefs regarding the baptism/membership issue in the Grace Brethren Church. No practical means of such an exchange has been available to persons following last year's national conference. A forum plan was adopted at the 1989 conference, but has not been implemented in a workable fashion to date. No exchanges which involve the names of other persons will be included. The use of the Herald magazine makes the information available to lay persons as well as to ministers. No editing will be done on any of the articles and it is understood that the material does not have the endorsement of the Herald, the Fellowship or the local church — it reflects the personal position of the individual author.

—Charles W. Turner, publisher

By Greg A. Ryerson

Grace Brethren Church, Centerville, Ohio

Whether you find these comments helpful or not, you deserve to see my "label" so that you will identify the grid through which I have screened my observations.

Various terms have been proposed as tags for the opposing positions on the baptism/membership issue. "Open membership" and "closed membership" seem to be the best current designations for the local church policies that exist. Though some may balk at the label "closed," I embrace that term as an accurate and inoffensive description on my (and my church's) policy, and as a way of differentiating clearly between myself and someone who permits transferred-in members without triune immersion.

For a while I called myself a "moderate conservative," but nobody knew what that meant (even though I estimate that the majority of Grace Brethren fall into this category). So I started referring to myself as a "closed-membership moderate"—one who holds to the "closed" position but who cooperates with "open" Brethren. This would separate me from a "closed-membership stalwart," who insists that the "closed" position is the only one acceptable for the FGBC. I would also be distinct from the "open-membership moderate," whose position is different from mine but who willingly cooperates with me. (When a person adopts an "open-membership stalwart" position, he departs the FGBC by choice.)

I came to my position because, while I have never doubted that Grace Brethren people should be triune-immersed, I have met many who were triune-immersed for the wrong reasons.

When a Christian visits my church and subse-

quently inquires about membership, I explain to him what we believe and practice. Sometimes he is surprised to discover that he is eligible for membership only after being triune-immersed. Almost without exception, a saved-and-already-single-immersed person will question this requirement. I then give him a written presentation on baptism and ask him to study it prayerfully before deciding. In the process, I explain, "Here's why we believe that Jesus wants every Christian to be triune-immersed. In fact, I believe that you should consider being triune-immersed *whether you join my church or not!*"

[Some] people see triune immersion merely as an inconvenient (but relatively harmless) "hoop" through which they were asked to jump. They are triune-immersed, but they are not "triune-immersionists" by conviction.

Across our Fellowship, I have met a number of GBC members (even local church leaders) who testify that they submitted to re-baptism by triune immersion just so that they could become members. Such people see triune immersion merely as an inconvenient (but relatively harmless) "hoop" through which they were asked to jump. They are triune-immersed, but they are not "triune-immersionists" by conviction. And there are perhaps thousands of such people populating "conservative" Grace Brethren churches all across our land!

Meanwhile, several prominent open-membership churches have a history of successfully triune-immersing people *after* they join. Such believers are urged to consider triune immersion as a step of obedience to Christ, as a natural step in the discipleship process. I suspect that the Master would rather have people thus triune-immersed by conviction in an open-membership church than triune-immersed for convenience in a closed-membership church.

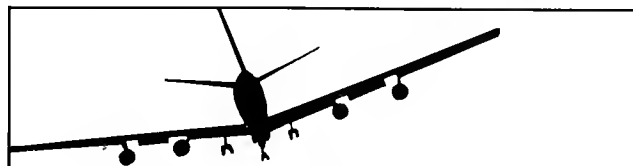
The greatest irony to this entire debate, then,

is that the closed-membership stalwarts risk cutting themselves off from many who are *deeply* Brethren while retaining many who are just nominally Brethren. Wouldn't that be a little like shooting oneself in the foot?

I am fully conscious of the dangers and abuses of the open-membership policy. But since its proponents are united with me in preaching the gospel and the historical "Message of the Brethren Ministry," how can I fail to cooperate with their endeavor, even while deploring their methods?

Surely we could do a better job of training upcoming teachers in the significance of baptism (and a great many other Biblical tenets). If we did that, perhaps we would be planting more closed-membership churches, thus strengthening that position by natural means.

I know of no gracious or honorable way to backtrack from a policy that the Grace Brethren adopted in 1964 in good faith after a century of study. Some "conservative" Brethren predict that "division and disaster" will overtake the FGBC in the 1990's. If that were to happen, it would not be the fault of the 1964 compromise, but rather of those who could not appreciate the great harvest which has been achieved by Christ through a diverse but unified Fellowship of Churches.



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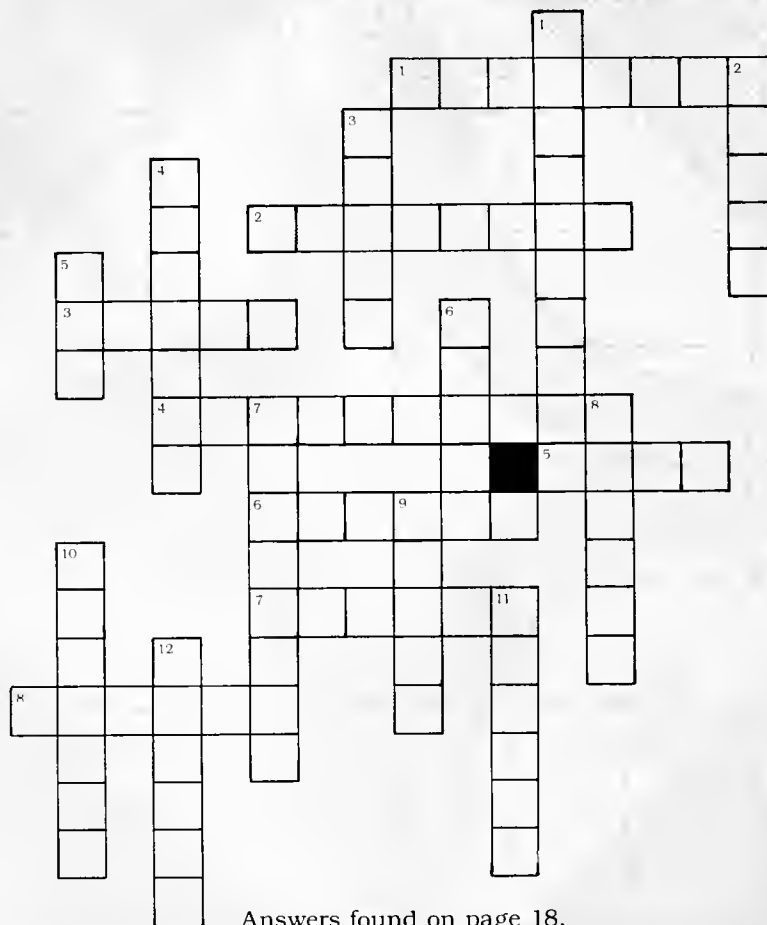
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Do You Know What the Bible Says About Friendship?

Quiz Yourself



Answers found on page 18.

Across

1. The wounds of a friend are _____. (Prov. 27:6)
2. Jonathan made a _____ with David because he loved him as himself. (1 Sam. 18:3)
3. Jesus asked His friends to keep _____ with Him. (Matt. 26:38)
4. When Paul saw the brethren, he thanked God and was _____. (Acts 18:15)
5. "Greet the friends by _____." (3 John 14)
6. Jesus entrusted His _____ to the disciple whom He loved. (John 19:26-27)
7. Jesus promised to be with His friends _____. (Matt. 28:20)
8. Jesus was criticized for being a _____ of sinners. (Luke 7:34)

Down

1. Christ told Peter to _____ his brothers. (Luke 22:32)
2. We are to follow Christ's example and be willing to lay down our _____ for our brothers. (1 John 3:16)
3. A friend _____ at all times. (Prov. 17:17)
4. There is a friend who sticks closer than a _____. (Prov. 18:24)
5. _____ are better than one. (Ecc. 4:9)
6. Paul had no _____ of mind when he did not find Titus. (2 Cor. 2:13)
7. We are Christ's friends if we do what He _____ us. (John 15:14)
8. _____ requested appointments for his three friends from the king. (Dan. 2:49)
9. "Love one another deeply, from the _____." (1 Peter 1:22)
10. Mary _____ to visit Elizabeth after hearing the good news. (Luke 1:39)
11. Jonathan became one in _____ with David. (1 Sam. 18:1)
12. Ruth promised Naomi that they would belong to the same God and the same _____. (Ruth 1:16)

Financial Crisis at Grace Village Announced By The Board of Grace Brethren Retirement Homes, Inc.

Grace Village has been established to provide quality living arrangements for its residents. In an effort to provide service it has, over the last several years, been engaged in a substantial building program.

The leadership for this program was provided by its former administrator. The Board of Directors endorsed the building programs based upon its understanding of the soundness of Grace Village's financial condition.

Since the departure of our former administrator, the Board of Directors of Grace Village has learned that the financial condition of the institution is not nearly as good as they had been led to believe. Due to the downturn in the economy, the much larger than expected cost of construction of and lack of interest in the additional Robin Hood Apartments, a number of unoccupied retirement apartments, and the very large cost of servicing the indebtedness on the properties, the Village finds itself in a very difficult cash-flow problem.

Recognizing the seriousness of the problem, the Board of Directors several weeks ago engaged Greencroft, Inc. of Goshen, Indiana, to review the Grace Village operations and to make recommendations

with regard to the proper course of action. Greencroft's initial report confirms the seriousness of the Grace Village financial problem.

In addition to the assistance of Greencroft, the Board of Directors, with the assistance of its counsel, Michael L. Valentine, has engaged Jerald I. Ancel of the Indianapolis law firm of Sommer & Barnard to provide specialized legal assistance in dealing with the current problems.

In order to assure the continued care and service to residents, the Board of Directors has taken the following steps:

1. A crisis management committee has been established.
2. A temporary moratorium has been declared on the payment of investor debt.

The steps that the Board of Directors has taken will not interfere with nor interrupt the services which we provide for residents.

Grace Village is current with its payments to all suppliers and employees and will continue to maintain all such accounts on a current basis. The Board does not contemplate that there will be any reduction in staffing.

The Board of Directors has taken these special steps to insure the continued operation of Grace Village and the welfare of the residents. The board also has secured the advisory help of Greencroft Retirement Home management, Goshen, Indiana, a local lawyer, and a special lawyer from a firm in Indianapolis, along with two board members to form a crisis management team.

Right now, considerable financial help is needed to finance this crisis management program in order to minimize additional drain on the operations of the Village.

The help of many Grace Brethren people is earnestly and prayerfully being sought. A crisis management fund has been set up to receive tax-deductible gifts. The board itself has initiated the fund with sizable personal donations. Funds given will be used for the purpose of managing this crisis to a successful conclusion for the good of Grace Village residents and the glory of the Lord.

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NEWS UPDATE

Jeff Brown is the new pastor at the Spring Valley Grace Brethren Church of Elyria, OH.

Sixty-one high school students and twelve leaders will make up the 1991 Operation Barnabas tour beginning June 28 with a ten-day orientation in Whittier, CA. This year's tour will involve ministry on the West Coast in California, Oregon, Washington, and the international ministry in Canada and Mexico. Operation Barnabas tour will conclude at the 1991 Brethren National Youth Conference at Flagstaff, AZ, on the campus of Northern Arizona University.

Chaplain Phil Spence returned from Saudi Arabia on March 26, 1991. He is stationed at Fort Bragg and desires to express thanks to all through the Fellowship who sent cards and letters to him while he was on duty.

The Grace Brethren Church of Lansing, MI, had a special day of mortgage burning April 14, 1991, with special speakers Gerald Polman and Richard Sellers. Michael Rockafellow, pastor.

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Bowlin, Don. 9712 Golf Course Rd., NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114 (Tel. 505/897-7443).

Brown, Jeff. 1305 Nash Ave., Elyria, OH 44035.

Dunkle, Jeff. He is the new pastor of the Melborne, FL, Grace Brethren Church.

Green, Dan. His new telephone number is: (011-55) 34-236-6426.

Vnasdale, Lester. His furlough address is: c/o 531 Marion Ave. Mansfield, OH 44903.

Card, Charles. His new zip code is: 09798.

Schrock, Norman. New pastor at the Grace Brethren Church, Westminster, CA. Telephone number is: 213/690-7591.

Marriage

Davis: Wendy Bouslough and Cubby Davis were married on December 8, 1990, at the Grace Brethren Church, Martinsburg, PA. William Snell performed the ceremony.

Pratt: Marcy Hastings and Kim Pratt were united in marriage February 9, 1991, at the Free Methodist Church in Winona Lake, IN, by Pastor John Teevan, pastor of the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, IN.

Stern: Heidi Jeffries and Bradley Stern were united in marriage on December 15, 1990, at the Grace Brethren Church, Martinsburg, PA. William Snell performed the ceremony.

Will: Amy Detwiler and Matt Will were married on December 28, 1990, at the Grace Brethren Church, Martinsburg, PA. William Snell performed the ceremony.

Deaths

Hammers, Tom, 87, March 27, 1991. He was a faithful member of the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, IN, where he served as visitation pastor from 1975-1983. He was a member of the Missionary Herald

Board of Trustees for approximately thirty years, and served in a number of pastorates in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. John Teevan, pastor.

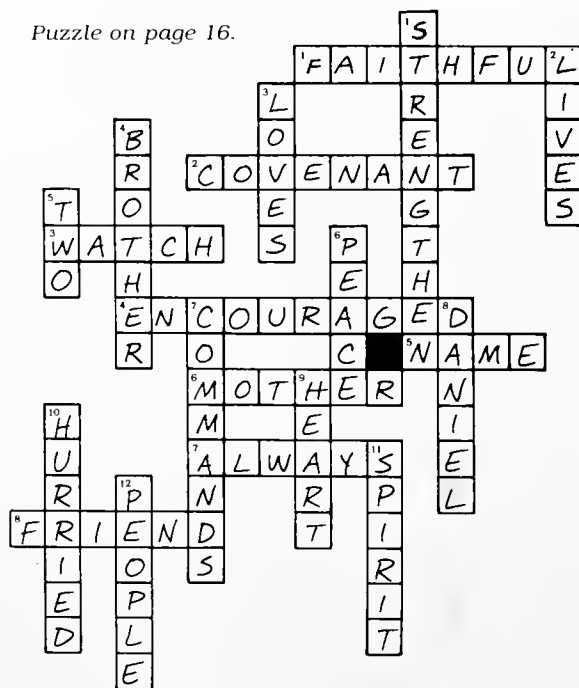
Houser, Emily, 73. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, of Hagerstown, MD. Pastors Ray Davis and Robert Dell officiated at the memorial service.

Sell, Paul, 66, November 6, 1990. He was a faithful member of the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, IN. John Teevan, pastor.

Sutphin, Kenneth, February 14, 1991. He had a perfect attendance record of 23 years at the Fairlawn Grace Brethren Church, Radford, VA. Lester Kennedy, pastor.

Sutphin, Viola, March 19, 1991. She was a faithful member of the Fairlawn Grace Brethren Church, Radford, VA. Lester Kennedy, pastor.

Puzzle on page 16.



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Certain cultures place a lot of emphasis on names. It is important to select a proper name for a child, not because it sounds good, but because it has meaning. The family name is also important because it denotes a special relationship and the lineage must carry it to future generations.

In a business publication I read last year, it was recounting the great financial woes of the savings and loan crisis. This financial disaster is probably the greatest one in American history. No one can guess the final cost in money lost plus all of the interest on the funds borrowed to help pay the bills. A name kept recurring as one of the persons involved in the fiasco . . . would you believe his name was Mr. Fail?

It seemed to me he was carrying out the family name and giving it new significance. At least, one should not be surprised when it was discovered he was involved in the failure of one of the large savings and loans, plus a number of insurance companies. In fact, I had a great deal of fun with the name in several presentations on the financial problems of our time.

The fun and humor came to an end just a couple of months ago when I sought to cash in a maturing policy with Mutual Security Insurance Company. I had bought it back in my Grace Seminary days and faithfully paid on it for 41 years. Now

it was time to take out the funds. But I soon discovered Mr. Fail had been there before me and had picked up all of the cash. There were no funds left and the good old Brotherhood Mutual policy (reborn Mutual Security) . . . was not being very brotherly nor were they very secure. I am waiting in line with thousands of others to see the outcome.

There are a lot of cracks in the walls of some otherwise dependable institutions these days. What I thought was secure was just a facade and nothing was behind the external walls. There are a lot of applications to the principle in the area of finance and there are principles that carry into the Christian life. It is not always what we see on the external that is real—the thought probably comes to your mind that man looks on the external, but it is God who looks on the heart.

So it just may be that 41 years of payments into the insurance fund will result in a big disappointment. But I know one thing that is certain—Mr. Fail sure had the right name for the event.

Since we have taken on a new name, the name “Christian”, it is important that we not disgrace the name in any way. Just as Mr. Fail proved to be just what his name implied, it is necessary that Miss, Mr. and Mrs. Christian live up to their name. No facade or empty internals but reality on the inside to match the name on the outside.



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Herald Magazine Policy

As enacted August 1, 1986

After considerable discussion on the Brethren Missionary Herald Board a new emphasis of direction for our magazine was established by the following motion.

1. It is the purpose of the BMH magazine to communicate to the members of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches the news of its ministries and the current state of the church.
2. This shall be accomplished through news reporting editorials, articles and advertisements from the FGBC boards and interviews of persons best qualified to present information of general concern.
3. The content of the BMH magazine is determined by the Executive Editor under guidelines established by the BMH Board of Trustees. It is not the organ of any single interest, but seeks to serve the general interests of the entire FGBC in pursuing its Scriptural goals.

Seconded and passed by unanimous vote of the Board.

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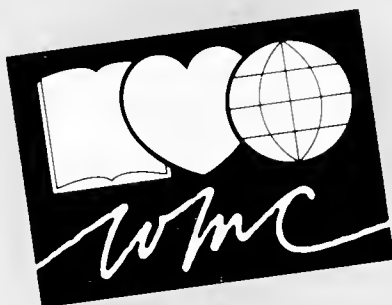
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Letters of Thanks to WMC



Dear WMC Ladies,

"Thank you" isn't really adequate to show you how grateful we are for your financial and spiritual involvement in our lives and the work in Chad, but we pray regularly for you and ask the Lord to bless you and give you a passion for Him. "With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit . . . be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel" (Eph. 6:18-19).

Love,

Rich & Kathy
Rich and Kathy Harrell

MISSION EVANGELIQUE DES FRERES



Dear Friends,

Greetings from Bangui, Central African Republic! I am writing to you on behalf of the entire Missionary Team to express our sincere thanks for your part in supplying the needed funds to maintain our airstrips in the C.A.R. The Missionary Aviation Fellowship, whose planes use the airstrips for our work, provide a vital service to us here.

As I handle the business affairs for the Mission, I am able to witness first hand the importance of M.A.F. being able to carry on their transportation ministry here. It's not just a matter of convenience in our normal Mission business, but often literally the difference between life and death, as the airplane is frequently used for medical evacuations.

Be assured that your generous gifts are being well used here in Africa and thanks again from all of us here, your Missionary Team in the Central African Republic!

Your fellow servant,

Jack
Jack Wainwright





Dear WMC Ladies:

Greetings in the Lord's name!

Thank you so much for your gift of \$1,571.67 for our work from the WMC ladies. Your gift and even more importantly, your concern and prayers are very important to the day to day ministry among our Navajo people, and we are so grateful.

Our gym was the meeting place for a special occasion just a few days ago. The Navajo community welcomed home two service men from the Persian Gulf. One of the young men was a former student of our school but dropped out before he graduated from high school. Now he gives testimony to the fact that what he learned was so important and he is sorry he did not take full advantage of all that was offered to him.

We have a number of high school students who are really having a hard time this year. Would you especially pray for our high school students and the special time we will have with them as we attend the Institute of Basic Life Principles Seminar in Pasadena, CA. This will take place the last of April and first of May. We will stay at the Temple City GBC and conduct some special classes for practical living in a large city setting also. It is a fact that most of our Navajo young people will have to leave the Reservation someday to find employment or even to find opportunities for ministry.

God bless you and keep praying!

In Him,

Larry Wedertz, Supt.



Dear WMC Ladies:

Every March for the past seven years we have been able to write our supporters and tell them how much we have appreciated their faithfulness in backing us up in our ministry through letters, birthday cards, gifts, monthly support and your much-needed prayers. This year will be no exception. THANK YOU! We gratefully appreciate your financial contribution of \$1,400.00 in 1990. We feel especially blessed to have realized that every year for the last eight years our total support goal set by Grace Brethren Foreign Missions has been met and exceeded!

Remember, you are our partners in the Great Commission! Together we are building a strong church in Guilmes! Pray fervently. Pray for Carlos Pererya who is serving as co-pastor. He is preparing to become the full-time pastor of the church.

As you continue to remember the needs of this ministry please pray for a permanent meeting place. We have been encouraged to remain with the Community of Grace until it has strong leadership and until it has a permanent meeting place. We, together, have now dedicated 6 years to planting this church (began in the living room of our home in 1985). It will be a memorable day when we together in PRAISE TO GOD can shout "MISSION COMPLETED!". This could become a reality in 1992! We plead that you remain our faithful partners as you have been in the past to see the Community of Grace become a strong church, a missionary-sending church and a mother church.

Blessings,

Stan & Betty
Stan and Betty Norn

P.S. It was an extra blessing being designated as a "birthday missionary."

Looking At Our World

by Tom Julien

Facing my desk is a map of the world. On it are slightly over 200 irregular shapes of varying shapes and color, each representing a country.

My map, however, does not show me the world as it really is. It merely shows me boundary lines. Within those lines live billions of people caught in the struggle between light and darkness. From these God is calling out a people for His name—a people He chooses to call the Bride of His eternal Son.

Further, my map does not reveal the outworking of God's plan or the great challenges faced by those who seek to be a part of it. I look at it, however, and let my thoughts focus on those parts of the world that I have learned to know. Many needs cry out for the intercession of those who know how to pray.

THE CHALLENGE OF AFRICA: A Church In Transition

In 1921, pioneer missionary James Gribble began to evangelize the heart of Africa. Today, the Central African Republic, the name later given to the area where he worked, is considered one of the world's most evangelized countries.

Because of this, some are saying that missionaries are no longer needed in the Central African Republic. To say this would be like saying that parents are only needed to bring children into the world. After they are born they should be left to fend for themselves.

The churches of Africa are like children. They are well into their adolescent years, but adolescence is the most dangerous and challenging period of life. The church in Africa is in transition from the leadership of older, less-educated pastors, to a new generation of younger men.

Never has the need been greater for missionaries who can work side by side with Africans, training them, helping them make this transition, warning them of potential dangers from without, helping supply the churches with biblical literature, aiding the churches to greater maturity in structure and practice. Because of retirements and sickness and resignations, we have seen our missionary team reduced to a skeletal staff. The fate of the church of tomorrow is in the hands of young men who are being trained today. They need the counsel and godly example of missionary elders who will treat them as equals and show them a model of Christian maturity, both in their teaching and their lives.



Baptism at the Chateau of St. Albain.

THE CHALLENGE OF WESTERN EUROPE: Prayer For Spiritual Awakening

In the last twenty years, many missionaries have gone to Europe. In fact, nearly half of the missionaries who are in active service in Grace Brethren Foreign Missions are assigned to that continent. This is a great contrast to the days when few people thought of Europe of being a mission field. It is also an indication to some of us that God is putting in place a network of people in preparation for a spiritual awakening on that continent.

Though there are signs of change, the population of most of Western Europe is still indifferent to the claims of Jesus Christ. Churches have emptied and secularism has triumphed. Yet, Western Europe is destined to play the leading role on the world's stage in the end times.

Several years ago, the team at the Chateau de St. Albain, produced a brochure entitled "A Plea for Help from Christians in France to their Brothers throughout the World." It was a plea for prayer. Nearly 100,000 of these brochures were distributed in many countries. News came back of groups of Christians praying throughout the world for a spiritual awakening in Europe. Many Christians in Grace Brethren Churches were a part of this movement of prayer. The time has come to renew this commitment to intercession for Europe and for open doors in the countries where our missionaries are laboring.

THE CHALLENGE OF EASTERN EUROPE: Unprecedented Opportunity

All of us watched in wonder as the communist regimes fell one by one in Eastern Europe. The resulting vacuum revealed a spiritual hunger in some countries which is almost unprecedented. Evangelists and Christian workers who visited Romania after the fall of the government reported that they had never experienced the kind of responsiveness that they found there.

Everyone realizes that this period of spiritual responsiveness is limited, and that the inroads of western materialism will soon take its toll. Even though denominational missions lack the mobility that other movements have, Grace Brethren Foreign Missions has set its sights on Eastern Europe and desires to share in the harvest there. Two fact-finding trips have been made by missionaries and board members into Eastern Europe. This summer two TIME teams will journey into Eastern Europe to seek to meet spiritual needs there. At this time, the Lord seems to be indicating that Prague, Czechoslovakia, will be the first target city for a church-planting team. Several couples have already begun the application process in hope of being commissioned for this ministry.

THE CHALLENGE OF LATIN AMERICA: A New Generation of Missionaries

Argentina is the oldest mission field in Grace Brethren Foreign Missions. In the early 1950s, missionaries also went to Brazil and Mexico. In each of these countries, churches have been planted that have joined together to form national fellowships. In some Latin America countries the population is more open to the gospel than ever before.

One of the greatest challenges of Latin America is to recruit new teams of missionaries to pioneer an aggressive new chapter of church-planting.



Believers in Mexico.

Many of those who went to evangelize in Latin America are now retired. Others will retire in the next few years. New teams are coming together in Buenos Aires, South Brazil and Mexico City. Missionaries are needed to work along side the national pastors in the border ministry of Mexico, in North Brazil and in the northern churches of Argentina. In addition, churches have been started in Uruguay and Guatemala. These churches need fraternal contact through regular visits of missionaries.

Though we have many Spanish speaking people in our churches, few have responded to the call of Latin America.



Street scene in Japan.

THE CHALLENGE OF THE ORIENT: Church-Planting In Urban Areas

Our missionaries in the Orient labor in huge urban areas: Metro Manila, Tokyo, and Osaka. One of the annoying questions in church-planting in urban areas relates to church buildings. In Japan converts come very slowly and the churches are small in number. Though the Japanese give generously, they can never hope to amass the small fortunes necessary to purchase property at today's astronomical prices. The response to the gospel in Metro Manila is far greater, but most of the new Christians are poor. Even when they give generously their offerings are a mere pittance when compared to the price of land and buildings, either in purchase or rent.

In countries where land is cheap and the people can construct their own building, church growth has often been rapid. The huge urban areas of the Orient present a different picture, however. How to respond to this need remains one of the unanswered questions of the missionaries serving in the cities. Our missionaries need guidance as they attempt to find answers.

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Rick Gorrell Earns Community Service Award



Rick Gorrell

Rick Gorrell, a junior math major at Grace College from Berne, Indiana, recently earned an award for outstanding public service from the Indiana Conference Compact, an organization promoting public service opportunities for college students. Rick and students from 26 other Indiana colleges and universities were honored at a luncheon at the Radisson Plaza in Indianapolis. Dr. John J. Davis introduced Rick at the luncheon.

Rick says, "Members from the Compact came to campus and asked students and faculty, 'Who at Grace is most actively involved in community service?' I guess my name came up most often."

During his three years at Grace College, Rick has been active in the Lighthouse ministry as a "big brother" to a community child. He served as Co-chairman of "Heart of the Holidays" this year, and annual Christmas community outreach service. He also has served as committee chairman for the "Fall Classic," a campus improvement service; the "Halloween Alternative," an outreach to community children; and

for the "Heart of the Holidays" in 1989.

Dr. Louis C. Gatto, Compact director, says those students selected best exemplify the word of Charles W. Eliot inscribed on the gates of Harvard University: "Enter to grow in wisdom. Depart to better serve thy country and mankind."

Grace College Receives Templeton Foundation Award

Grace College is one of 49 schools receiving honorable mention for The John Templeton Foundation Honor Roll for Character Building Colleges in 1991.

The Honor Roll, sponsored by John Marks Templeton and the John Templeton Foundation, is an annual listing of schools which "best exemplify campuses that encourage the development of strong moral character among students."

The listing is compiled by polling college and university Presidents and Directors of Development of four year, accredited institutions of higher education across the country.

Dr. Frank Tillapaugh spoke at College and Seminary Baccalaureate

Dr. Frank Tillapaugh of Denver, Colorado spoke at the Grace College and Theological Seminary Baccalaureate Exercise on May 17 in the Rodeheaver Auditorium, Winona Lake, Indiana. The college graduated 152 students, with 80 graduate students receiving seminary degrees.

Dr. Tillapaugh is the author of several well-known books on Christian ministry and evangelism, *Unleashing the Church*, *Unleashing Your Potential* and *Mastering Outreach and Evangelism*. He also has had numerous articles published in leading Christian magazines.

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Conquering the Last Frontier

by *Larry N. Chamberlain*

Alaska. "The last frontier." "The great land." "Where men are men and women win the Iditerod." "Where people don't tan in the summertime, they thaw."

This beautiful state boasts a land area greater than one-fifth of the remainder of the United States and a coastline of 37,000 miles, more than the entire coastline of the "lower 48."

When superimposed on a map of the continental U.S., Alaska stretches from Canada to Mexico. There are as many air miles separating Seattle from Chicago as there are separating Seattle from Anchorage.



Alaska's natural, majestic beauty is absolutely breathtaking!

So much of Alaska is yet inaccessible by automobile that every 20th person is a registered pilot. Kids learn to fly before they learn to drive.

The Alaskan range has so many peaks, most are yet unnamed. Mt. McKinley, (Denali, "the great one") dwarfs every other peak in America at 20,320 feet.

Alaska's natural, majestic beauty is absolutely breathtaking! While visiting this 49th state in April with Jim Johnson, director of GBIF, we were impressed by the power of God in His creation. We were equally impressed by His power in the formation of His Church.



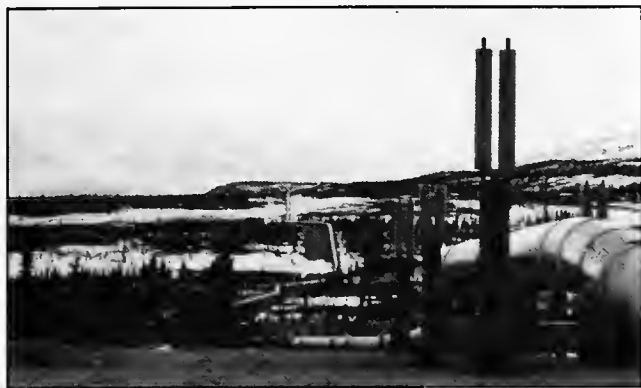
1. Anchorage Grace Brethren Church
2. Anchorage Grace Community Church
3. Eagle River Grace Brethren Church
4. Kachemak Bay Grace Brethren Church (Homer)
5. Kenai Grace Brethren Church
6. North Pole Grace Brethren Church
7. Peninsula Grace Brethren Church (Soldotna)

When superimposed on a map of the continental U.S., Alaska stretches from Canada to Mexico.

When Grace Brethren Home Missions pioneered the first Grace Brethren Church in Kenai, it was August of 1969. Their first Bible study was set for October 2 and fifteen people had indicated an interest. No one came. But through continued diligence and prayer, by the end of 1970 they had a congregation numbering twenty-one and a membership of thirteen, including the pastor, Herman Hein, his wife, and their youngest son. Today, there are eight Grace



Owl in flight.



The Alaskan pipeline.

Brethren Churches in Alaska, with Sunday morning attendances of 1,870! Very few other states in America, if any, have witnessed that incredible rate of church growth.

As Jim and I visited with all eight churches, we discovered a warmth and excitement that offered evidence of why God has blessed His work there so abundantly. Alaskans have a rugged determination to make things happen, to survive in a land where temperatures can dip to 50 degrees below zero or more, to prosper in an economy which is extremely volatile and unpredictable, to endure winter nights lasting 20 hours or more. In order to overcome these many hardships and challenges, relationships become invaluable. Some Alaskans have found that the Grace Brethren Church is a place where they can build a strengthening relationship with fellow believers, as well as with the Lord.

Our Grace Brethren Churches in Alaska are committed to a Bible-teaching ministry with expository, verse-by-verse, preaching a common practice on Sunday morning. (I was privileged to listen to Larry Smithwick's sermon from John 21, one in a series from the Gospel which he has been preaching from for the past year.) Small group Bible studies and support groups are a common occurrence as evidenced by the dozens of announcements for such events in the weekly bulletins.

The average age in Alaska is 29.4, with many young families and lots of kids . . . as evidenced by very aggressive children's and young people's ministries in the churches.

We were sadly reminded, though, that the expanse of the Alaskan landscape is not nearly so great as the expanse of the spiritual needs of its people. Spawned by the harshness of the environment, Alaskans suffer from rampant

depression, alcoholism, occultism (including the most concentrated following of New Age anywhere in the U.S.), family break-ups, child abuse, drug usage (marijuana was only recently declared illegal in the state, and immorality (a "tradition," going back to the days of the gold rush).

Our Alaskan Grace Brethren congregations are working hard to meet the spiritual needs of the people there through the declaration of the truths of God's Word, through the demonstration of genuine love and compassion, and through effective evangelism, all focused in the biblical context of the local church.

Grace Brethren Home Missions is pleased to have played a strategic, supportive role in the reaching of hundreds of Alaskans with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We are thankful for the courageous, pioneering spirit of our early church-planters who looked beyond the frontier struggles and envisioned congregations of people who would enjoy a relationship with God and each other amid the harsh realities of life.

While we pray for the continued growth of the Brethren up North, let us, also, pray for a similar spirit of fortitude and aggressive evangelism in our church-planting efforts all across the United States.



I'd like to tell you we trekked for miles overland, sneaked up close, and got this shot. In reality, we stopped the car and rolled down the window.



Larry Chamberlain is Executive Director of the Grace Brethren Home Missions Council.

The Heart of a Teacher: Dr. Homer A. Kent Jr.

by Jenifer Wilcoxson

"I suppose there are few people in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches for whom I have more respect than Dr. Homer Kent Jr. He is a man of deep conviction not afraid to express truth with courage, but even in times of testing he has reacted as a true Christian gentleman."

—Rev. Tom Julien, Executive Director
Grace Brethren Foreign Missions.



Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr.

Dr. Homer A. Kent Jr. retired from his position as Professor of New Testament and Greek at Grace Theological Seminary in May. That marked the end of 40 years of teaching and administrative duties for Grace College and Seminary. Students who studied under him are in 49 states and 45 countries around the world. His faithful service to God at Grace Schools within the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches has touched countless lives.

Homer Kent was born in Washington D.C. on August 13, 1926; the eldest of two sons born to Homer and Alice (Wogaman) Kent. His father was pastor of the First Brethren Church of Washington, D.C. Both home and church were but a few blocks from the nation's capitol buildings.

Homer and his younger brother Wendell grew up with the blessings of a Christian home and a growing church family. The Kents traveled frequently across the continental United States. "We always went by car and took a different route each trip, seeing national parks and historic sites whenever possible," he remembers. "We actually saw the things that other boys only read about in geography or history books. Those are some of my best memories."

1940 brought great changes to the Kent family. Homer Kent Sr. accepted the offer to be a professor of church history at the young Grace Theological Seminary recently established and newly located in Winona Lake, Indiana. They left the excitement of the nation's capital and a large church with many friends for the unknowns of a fledgling

school located in a small mid-western town.

In those days the seminary was small and the students and faculty were a very close knit group. Since there was not a Brethren church in Winona Lake, all the Brethren in the community attended seminary activities. The Kent home was near the campus and many students went there to relax and have fun.

Homer attended his first three years of high school at Warsaw High then transferred to Bob Jones Academy for his senior year. The draft for World War II was in effect and he wanted the chance for at least one year in a Christian school environment before being called to serve.

A profession of faith in Christ in 1934 and years of study and contemplation had led Homer to decide, by high school graduation, that he would follow in his Dad's footsteps and be a preacher. He was able to graduate from Bob Jones College in 1947 due to a ministerial draft deferment with a Bachelor's degree in Religion. Then, it was back to Winona Lake and Grace Theological Seminary for further training.

While a student in the seminary, Homer was asked to teach English Composition in the growing Grace Collegiate Division. He remembers enjoying the teaching and the feeling of achievement that came as students responded and did well. By 1950 he finished his senior year and was awarded a Bachelor of Divinity.

Described by students as a "clear explainer," Kent was often told by those around him—"You are a gifted teacher."

"All my classmates were getting ready to go out and take pastorates but I was still a bachelor and churches weren't pounding on my door to hire a single man right out of seminary," he says. "I wasn't sure that I was totally ready either, so I stayed in seminary, studying for a Master of Theology degree and continuing to teach—this time first and second year Greek."

Over time, one question repeatedly surfaced: "What about teaching?"

"I tried to be objective, which isn't always easy," he explains, "but I felt that I did well at teaching. I had a real satisfaction that accomplishment was occurring." Described by students as a "clear explainer," Kent was often told by those around him—"You are a gifted teacher."

But those were the days when "full time Christian service" meant one of two things—

pastor or missionary. How could a man who had dedicated his life to service and spent years of education pursuing the pastorate balance his desire to be faithful with his apparent giftedness in teaching?

"As I studied church history I looked carefully at the life of Martin Luther, a major influence for modern Christianity. Luther was not a pastor but instead an educator, a university lecturer—a teacher. I came to understand that teaching really can be the Lord's full-time work," he explains.

***His knowledge of the subject
and heart of a teacher
combine to create books designed to instruct
and make clear
the passages being considered.***

And teach he did. The seminary continued to grow and President McClain asked Kent to take a full-time teaching position in the New Testament department. "I was a green-as-grass teacher when they hired me for the fall of 1951—and I'm still here 40 years later," he says with a smile.

In August, 1953 Kent married Beverly Page. Making their home in Winona Lake they have three children—Rebecca, Kathy, and Dan. Beverly taught voice at Grace College for 25 years.

Along with teaching, Kent studied for a Doctor of Theology degree from Grace Seminary. His dissertation on the authorship problems and message of I Timothy was presented in 1956 and an expanded version including II Timothy and Titus "The Pastoral Epistles" was published by Moody Press in 1958.

This was the beginning of Kent's teaching being available in printed form. His books and commentary contributions are remarkable for his careful handling of the scriptures and well crafted presentation. His knowledge of the subject and heart of a teacher combine to create books designed to instruct and make clear the passages being considered.

Dr. Kent's work at Grace expanded when in 1962 he was appointed Dean of the Seminary. He maintained a reduced teaching load during that time and assumed more administrative duties.

1976 brought with it another time of questions and changes. The teacher who was thoroughly enjoying his work was asked to consider a different office—the President of Grace Schools. "I love to study the Scriptures and teach—to watch students progress in their understanding. I didn't want to lose that. I told them no," he relates.

But they asked again. This time the offer included the opportunity to continue teaching and share the administrative duties with John Davis who would fill the office of Executive Vice President.

In a spirit of willingness to serve where he was needed and grow as God presented opportunities, Dr. Kent became the third President of Grace Theological Seminary and College in 1976.

For ten years Dr. Kent had as his goal a school where students could daily be challenged to spiritual growth; where godly lifestyles would be nurtured and encouraged. During that decade there were many achievements: highest enrollment totals for both college and seminary; completions and remodeling of buildings; expanded library; accreditation for the Seminary; and growth of endowment funds.

In May, 1985, Dr. Kent announced his intention to relinquish his position as President to go into effect at the end of the 1986 contract. He would focus on teaching again.

Back in the same office in McClain Hall that he occupied in his early teaching days, he resumed a full class load. Along with teaching at the seminary he also worked with the Institute of Holy Land Studies in Jerusalem leading educational trips. He taught as a guest lecturer at the Grace extensions in California, France, and Africa, at The Master's Seminary in California, and at Capital Seminary in Washington D.C.

And now, five years later, change comes again. "I plan to continue teaching part-time at Grace Seminary. I will stay on as long as the school has need for me. There are many things I can do, I have some ideas for further books and am considering short-term teaching opportunities.

"We will really enjoy the change of pace. I may slow down—but don't look for me rocking on the porch."

Books and Commentary Inclusions by Dr. Homer Kent Jr.:

Pastoral Epistles (1958)
 Comments on the Gospel of Matthew-Wycliffe
 Bible Commentary (1962)
 Ephesians, Glory of the Church (1971)
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 Jerusalem to Rome, Acts (1972)
 Light in Darkness, John (1974)
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 Treasures of Wisdom, Colossians and Philemon
 (1978)
 Comments on Philipppians—The Expositor's
 Bible Commentary (1978)
 Studies in the Gospel of Mark (1981)
 Heart Opened Wide, 2 Corinthians (1982)
 Faith That Works, James (1986)

“Dulces” in GUATEMALA and MEXICO

by Angie Ellis

BEM Personnel, Ron and Thelma Thompson, Phil Guerena, Tony DeRosa, Angie Ellis, and others teamed together on a ministry tour February 25 through March 7, 1991 to Guatemala and Mexico. Joining BEM were Pat Saunier of Roanoke, VA; Ann Bracker of Pico Rivera, CA; Pastor Francisco Bravo (“Pancho”) of San Luis, Mexico; and Rev. Jack Churchill of San Diego, CA who is the Brethren Field Superintendent for Mexico. God’s hand was at work during the trip: miracles were witnessed, a great time of Christian fellowship was enjoyed, and above all a lasting burden to reach the lost souls of these countries was impressed upon all of our minds and hearts.

Going through customs at the Guatemalan airport will be a lasting memory to us all. We were a little nervous and anticipated some conflict since we had about thirty-six bags, carrying a variety of Children In Action Band T-Shirts, musical instruments, and craft supplies for the children, as well as forty pounds of medical supplies such as syringes, antibiotics, and pain relievers for a medical mission. They were only interested in a couple of boxes that proved not to be important. Suddenly we found ourselves outside the airport—luggage untouched! This miracle was confirmed three days later when all of Roger Peugh’s luggage was thoroughly searched as he came through to join us.

Guatemala City is typical of Latin America. The buses are so crowded that people literally hang out the windows on the bumpers to get a ride. During the dry season, most of the homes only have water one hour in the morning and two hours in the afternoon, which is not the same time each day. The dirty streets are sadly filled with small homeless children whose eyes show they have a deep longing to be loved. This became a reality to us as we watched a little girl about four years old sneak into the Burger King where we were eating supper and begin to pile scraps of food together off of a table as her brothers stood outside watch-



THE TEAM. L-R Back: Tony DeRosa, Angie Ellis, Phil Guerena, Ron Thompson, Ann Bracker, Jack Churchill. Front: Pat Saunier, Thelma Thompson, Francisco Bravo)

ing and crying through the glass doors. Our hearts melted. We felt compelled to reach out in some way. We bought each one a “hamburguesa” (hamburger) and as we put it into their small, dirty hands we said gently “Dios te ama” (God loves you.)

Santo Domingo Xenocoj is a small primitive Indian village, an unexpected change to the fast pace life of the capital city. With a population of 5,200 people, only 2 percent are born-again believers. The two nurses in the tiny medical mission were overjoyed to receive all the medical supplies and even a slide projector that Pat had brought for them. The Mayor and other officials joined our presentation and prayer of dedication. Of all the supplies, they were most excited about receiving scissors. The Health Post had none! Pat reminded us of how many are thrown away daily back home as well as other supplies that just sit on shelves and expire without ever being used. We were thrilled to have a small part in sharing God’s love with such needy people.

God worked through and in our lives again in a little town about four hours away from the capital city in well known Chichicastenango. We were all looking forward to finally getting the chance to do some shopping in this large market area when the



Giving the medical supplies at Santo Domingo Xenocoj.

Lord began to use us to spread His Word to some of the people. Tomas was one of the children who tagged along with us, acting as our guide through the shopping spree. When time came to check into the hotel and say goodbye to Tomas, the Holy Spirit was at work. Angie and Pat had already been witnessing to him when Pancho took over on the steps of the hotel. While he spoke to Tomas about the Lord, Pat and Angie prayed, a small crowd of about twenty gathered, and suddenly from the crowd an arm stretched out to Pancho holding a Spanish Bible for him to use. What a miracle! In a small town where approximately 80 percent of the people are illiterate, where did this Bible come from? Pancho led in prayer and the crowd began to disperse. Afternoon prayer time with the team that day was filled with tears of rejoicing that seeds had been planted and souls may have been won to the Lord.

The First Love Renewal and CIA Band Seminar resulted in a surprise to all of us. The Lord had His hand in each one of our lives in different ways. Four area churches combined in this renewal effort, hosted by Pastor Rodrigo Argueta, one of our Grace Brethren pastors. The first night of the seminar seemed to be frustrating, confusing, and somewhat disappointing. Thelma got sick with food poisoning and spent the entire opening night in the bus. By the next morning Ron, Angie, and Tony - all of the English speaking teachers - were also sick in bed. This forced others to fill positions that otherwise would never have been thought of. Phil Guereña conducted all of the adult sessions with Pancho, Jack, Pastor Rodrigo, and others helping with the music. Tim Carey, a Wycliffe Bible Translator and son of Art Carey (one of our retired Brethren missionaries to Africa), taught the children, aided by Pat and Ann. Those of us in bed sick felt helpless in trying to understand the Lord's purpose. So we prayed. God blessed all of our efforts. Pastor Rodrigo said that this seminar was what his church had needed for years. The Pastor's son used the witness bracelet he made in the CIA Band to lead his friend of 5 years to the Lord as a result of the seminar, telling his mom that he

wants to be a pastor like his dad when he grows up. Gloria a Dios!! - Praise the Lord!!

Mexico City, the largest city in the world with a population of approximately 24 million people, is rich with culture: children constantly tap your legs, begging for food and money, buildings damaged in the '85 earthquake are left standing in rubble because of lack of money to reconstruct, and the Metro (subway) is filled with crowds of people rushing to get somewhere fast. Our tour was filled with visiting historical and well-known landmarks as well as fellowshipping with our Grace Brethren Pastor, Mariano Azcarate and his family, and our missionaries Bess Farrell, Brenda



The ladies' Bible Study group in Mexico City.

Welling, and Martin and Kristy Guereña. One of the highlights was spending Wednesday morning with a ladies' Bible Study group in our Grace Brethren Church. These ladies combined their hard efforts into a fantastic brunch for everyone, then we took part in their Bible study as Ron Thompson brought a devotional, Pancho and Jack sang, and the ladies gave testimonies and sang for us. A brief tour through the small church helped to plant a visual picture in our minds of how our missionaries are ministering and of the many needs they have.

Words can never describe the many faces we looked into who longed to know the real love, peace and joy of life. How grateful we are that we were allowed to have a small part in sharing God's love. Our hearts will always whisper a special prayer for each child who tugged at our emotions as we hugged and handed them a "dulce" or tract, hoping the seeds planted will someday be harvested into souls coming to know God the Father as Lord and Savior. Please join with us in prayer for the needy people of these two countries and those faithfully serving the Lord there. Our prayer is to someday see the Guatemalan flag flying at Brethren National Conference as a new mission point for our Fellowship. Praise the Lord for His sovereignty and promise that "he who began a good work . . . will carry it on to completion. . . ."

Angie Ellis serves on the staff of BEM as computer operator and director of the CIA Band.

NEWS UPDATE

Correspondence for the Shade G.B.C. (previously reported closed) should be directed to 4242 Dark Shade Dr., Windber, PA 15963.

Jeff Carroll has resigned from his ministry at the Maumee Valley G.B.C. in Toledo, OH, to begin a new church in Powell, OH.

Scott Miles has been called as the pastor of the Community G.B.C., Warsaw, IN.

Larry Humberd, former youth pastor of the G.B.C. of Hagerstown, MD, has resigned and will complete his ministry there in early summer.

The Grace Brethren Church of Yakima, WA, plans a mortgage-burning service and parsonage dedication on Sunday, June 23, 1991, at 2 p.m. Former pastors who plan to be in attendance include Russell Williams, George Christie and Dale Hostetler. William Schaffer will be the dedication speaker. Paul Brooks, pastor.

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Deaths

Alexander, Paul E., 80, December 17, 1990. He was a long-time member of the Jenners Grace Brethren Church, Jenners, PA. Max DeArmey, pastor.

McDairmant, Thomas C., 79, April 14, 1991. John Teevan was one of the officiating ministers.

Walter, Florence, 75, January 10, 1991. She was a long-time member of the Jenners Grace Brethren Church, Jenners, PA. Max DeArmey, pastor.

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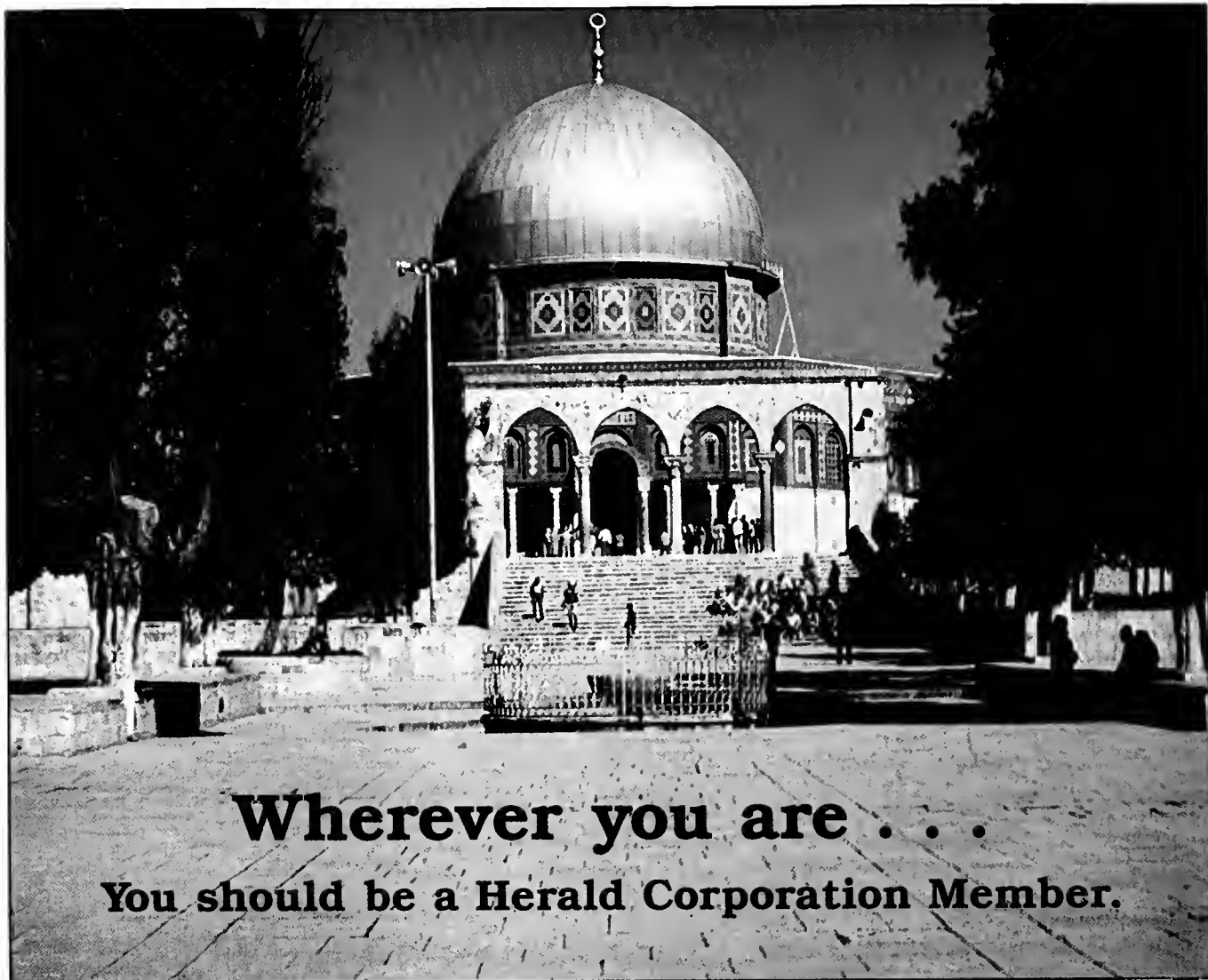
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Oh, for the good old days when air was free and breathing was easy. That may well be the cry of the aging or should I say "the call of the maturing!" For a long time the corner service station would provide the equipment, the air tire gauge and the air was free. Not so any longer. Now the land and the gas pump is provided and you do the work. Someone else collects the money. You clean your own windows, check your oil, even put your credit card in the slot and look-no service. It's hard to accept having to pay to put air in your tires. Thus the name Service Station is no longer valid.

Not only is free air gone at the gas station, free *clean* air is also no longer available in city parks. In Mexico city where pollution has reached extreme levels, you can purchase fresh air. This is the way it works: there is a booth and for several dollars or pesos, you get a minute or two of fresh air and oxygen. I am told that the air offered by nature and polluted by humanity makes this not a luxury, but a necessity. In fact, some Japanese companies insist that their key employees in Mexico spend several months a year outside of Mexico City. This is for their personal health. Can the idea be a possibility one of these days in Southern California?

The disappearance of free air has seemingly brought on a change in our day. Salvation is still a free gift, but there is a cost in maintaining the new life in Christ. It takes time and effort and dedication not to pay for Salvation but to do it the way God wants it done.

Many people have lived with the assumption that everything

is free and you do not have to really pay. It was called credit. "Borrow now and worry about it tomorrow" became the philosophy of this past decade. When the time came to pay, the money supply came up short. Religious news is filled with financial problems among Christian institutions. Many of them are cutting staff and programs. They have lived on borrowed money and borrowed time. The next few years will reveal many sad tales of woe and disappointment.

There may be some free lunches but you generally get them only when someone is trying to sell you something. You had better check the product carefully before you make the purchase. There are very few really free lunches. Savings and loans, banks and now insurance companies in the secular realm are going under at a rate not seen since the depression days. It behooves us as believers to pay special attention to our obligations or we could become the victims of the same problems. The signs are clearly in evidence and concern is growing. Much wisdom is needed and we should all follow the directions of the Bible in contrast to the wisdom of the world. Perhaps it is time to reread and gain insight from the book of Proverbs.

Gone is the free air at the gas station. Rare is the free clean air in the city. Gone are the days when we can fool ourselves into believing that plastic and free credit and debt will not come home to haunt us. For the borrower is the slave to the lender and what appears to be free will one day require some form of repayment.



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As enacted August 1, 1986

After considerable discussion on the Brethren Missionary Herald Board a new emphasis of direction for our magazine was established by the following motion.

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2. This shall be accomplished through news reporting editorials, articles and advertisements from the FGBC boards and interviews of persons best qualified to present information of general concern.
3. The content of the BMH magazine is determined by the Executive Editor under guidelines established by the BMH Board of Trustees. It is not the organ of any single interest, but seeks to serve the general interests of the entire FGBC in pursuing its Scriptural goals.

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One Thing Leads To Another

by Jerry Young, Conference Moderator

Several years ago, a hydroelectric dam was to be built across a valley in Maine. The people in the town were to be relocated and the town itself submerged.

During the time between the initial decision and the completion of the dam, the town fell into disrepair. When asked about the disappearance of well-kept lawns and streets, one resident replied, "Where there is no faith in the future, there is no work in the present."

It is the business of Annual Conference to build such faith within the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. Consider what our representatives declared in 1985:

The Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches will hold conferences for the central purpose of inspiring a greater vision in our churches for a worldwide gospel witness. To support this purpose, delegates will be provided opportunities for fellowship, corporate worship, Bible teaching and evaluation of our national and international ministries.

The order in which these opportunities appear is not without significance. Because one thing leads to another, we purposely made fellowship

a leading component in Conference this year.

According to Romans 15:7-12, accepting one another in the spirit of Christ brings praise to God among the nations of the world. One thing leads to another. And this acceptance is not a mere handshake or hug. It is a bending of one's own pride until the needs of others come before your own. It is an exertion of effort until the unacceptable become acceptable.

Others won't like it, of course. When Jesus welcomed sinners, his critics were irritated. But wonderful things happen when we act like Jesus. The Spirit of the Lord fills our souls with joy and peace. Steadfast hope overflows to others. They watch and decide to follow Jesus, too. One thing leads to another.

Welcome to Annual Conference! I hope you find someone unacceptable to you. Only then can the Spirit of God prove His presence.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their sinful nature with its passions and desires."

- Galatians 5:22-24 (NIV)

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Sun. July 28, 7:00pm - Great Missions Focus Rally
Featured speaker: Eduardo Coria from Buenos Aires, Argentina

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Dear Brother Thompson,

We just received the FLR Love Letter and I was surprised to see some comments that I had made about FLR (First Love Renewal) in print!! I was trying to recollect if these quotes came from the panel discussion I participated in at our North Atlantic District conference last summer or if I had talked with someone before or after that. I remember being asked to comment on the FLR held in Vermont, but so much has happened since then it all seems like a blur.

I did want to share what the Lord has done and continues to do in our lives since I made those comments. As I had stated at District Conference my desire was to attend Grace and I had given up my career of 14 years and our home was on the market. However, after having trained my replacement and being officially done with work our house still hadn't sold. We decided to travel to Indiana to see what the Lord had in store for us as far as opening or closing doors. If the Vermont property didn't sell it was doubtful if we could swing the move and attend school at all. Not having a job was a new experience and I felt like a fish out of water. As we were being graciously hosted at the Warsaw, Indiana Holiday Inn by Grace Seminary we were notified that our house was under contract! PTL! The Lord also led us to a home that ideally meets our needs just two days before we left Indiana. He wondrously worked out so many details for us that week that we drove back to Vermont with our heads spinning and somewhere along the way I heard Him say "Oh ye of little faith."

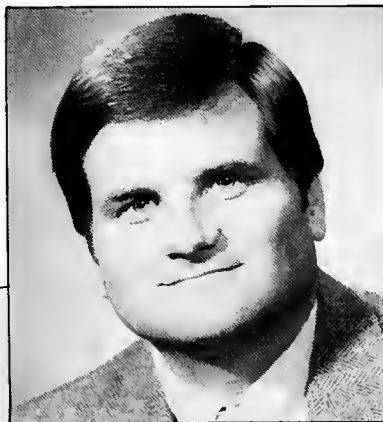
The wonders would only multiply as we returned to Vermont and He indeed sold our home for the asking price in what was a very flat real estate market. We were able to have a closing on the property the day before we left for Indiana. We had a good move and a smooth transition as He continued to take care of us. What a wonderful God we have! He has seen me successfully through two semesters at Grace Seminary!

I praise the Lord for using First Love Renewal to bring me under conviction and for giving us the motivation to move forward for the Lord. We made new friends as a result of FLR and we want to thank them and the many folks from the Northern Atlantic District that have upheld us in prayer. I know that prayer is the reason for everything going the way it has and the prayers of our friends continue to encourage and sustain us. Please keep praying, we love you all!

When the Lord works, big things happen and trust me, this has only been a condensed version of the story. Just wanted to keep you posted.

In Him, For Him, Because of Him,

Dan
Dan Pierce and Family



Dan Pierce has completed his first year of study at Grace Theological Seminary. He is a member of the Grace Brethren Church in Irasburg, Vermont.

Chuck Colson Involves New Holland GBC with Prison Ministry

After leaving the White House, Charles W. Colson, former special counsel to President Richard Nixon, encountered Jesus Christ. Seven months in prison for Watergate-related offenses changed the new believer's vision. The prisoners he'd met behind bars needed to know about the transforming power of Jesus Christ. God used this new Christian's prison term to begin Prison Fellowship Ministries that, since 1976, has spread the Good News of God's love and forgiveness around the world.

Since 1977, Dr. Roy Roberts, Senior Pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, New Holland, Pennsylvania, has been involved with Chuck and Prison Fellowship. On Easter Sunday, March 31, Dr. Roy and Patti Roberts accompanied four families from the New Holland Church into the State Correctional Institution-Retreat in Hunlock Creek, Pennsylvania.

Chuck Colson gave a stirring resurrection message in the gymnasium and fully half of the prisoners came forward for prayer and other decisions. Following the in-prison service, the New Holland group joined Chuck Colson for lunch.

The real meaning of Easter, according to Colson, "Is why I always spend this most meaningful of all holidays in prison. What a better place to be? Prisons are places of despair and slow death, sapping the life out of people. They are indeed the tombs of today's society. But they also display the victory of the resurrection most dramatically; one can see the reality of the resurrected Christ in once-dead lives."

Truly, the New Holland prison visitors experienced this as well. Ministry to the "least of these" is life-changing indeed.



Left to right: Ed & Erma Hershey, Dr. Wolfram & Arlene Andrews, Patti & Roy Roberts, Chuck Colson, Ruth Ann & Morris Hursh, and Barbara & Clyde Horst (all members of the GBC, New Holland, PA).

Personal Reflections

I have been encouraged by many to open up a limited number of pages of the Herald magazine to the expression of opinions and beliefs regarding the baptism/membership issue in the Grace Brethren Church. No practical means of such an exchange has been available to persons following last year's national conference. A forum plan was adopted at the 1989 conference, but has not been implemented in a workable fashion to date. No exchanges which involve the names of other persons will be included. The use of the Herald magazine makes the information available to lay persons as well as to ministers. No editing will be done on any of the articles and it is understood that the material does not have the endorsement of the Herald, the Fellowship or the local church — it reflects the personal position of the individual author.

—Charles W. Turner, publisher

FINAL ARTICLE IN SERIES

By J. Keith Altig

Retired missionary to Brazil and Pastor Emeritus,
Grace Brethren Church, Whittier, CA

Having been in the ministry of the Brethren church for over fifty years both in State-side pastorates and on the foreign field, I feel that perhaps my experience vis-a-vis the membership/baptism question might help to allay some of the fears and apprehensions which seem to be rife in our Fellowship.

I was on the mission field in 1964 when the church of which I was formerly the pastor and where my membership has been almost continuously since 1945, adopted the practice of receiving as full members, people who had made a true confession of faith and witnessed it by immersion.

As far as I know never has one of the members baptized by single immersion ever advocated that the church discontinue the practice of trine immersion. And never has one refused to have his or her children baptized by trine immersion or requested that the child be baptized by other than the method taught by the church.

Many non-trine immersed members have become strong supporters of the Brethren ministry and its Boards. The Seminary professor's salaries have been paid in part by their tithes and offerings. Grace Schools has been supported, Home Missions works have been helped and missionaries have been sent out by these believers. Many have been strong prayer warriors in behalf of the Brethren work and they have been a blessing in every way.

I fear that those who insist on admitting only trine immersed people into church membership

will destroy exactly what they think they are preserving. Here's what I have observed: A family I know who were not admitted to membership in a Brethren church because they considered their single immersion a sufficient testimony to their faith in and identification with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection, went to worship and serve in another Fellowship. Their son became a pastor and is reaching souls for the Lord but is not practicing trine immersion so those who come to Christ under his ministry will know nothing about it.

Had this family been accepted by a Brethren church, their son would undoubtedly have become a Brethren minister teaching and practicing both trine immersion and the three-fold communion service.

That is exactly what happened in another family I know. They were accepted as members without being baptized by trine immersion. Their son became a Brethren pastor and their other child was baptized as we practice the ceremony. They were no threat to our Fellowship but have been a blessing for many years.

In giving the requirements for a widow to be received into the "number" (church membership?) nothing is said about the necessity of her being baptized. 1 Tim. 5:9-10.

If baptism is required of one, if he or she is to be a member of the "true church" and thus saved, the comment of Paul is exceedingly strange when he said in 1 Cor. 1:14, "I thank God that I baptized none of you but Crispus and Gaius." It is as if he had said, "I thank God that none of you are saved save Crispus and Gaius." Salvation, or membership in the "true church", follows salvation and is not a part of the process of getting there.

To insist that a believer must be baptized by trine immersion in order to be worthy to fellowship and serve in a local church demonstrates an attitude of superiority and spiritual pride which says in effect, "You may be on the bus for heaven but you must sit in the back. You can be an 'associate' but you can't be a full member." Such an attitude indicates a lingering desire to do something to complete one's relationship with God.

If anyone is betrayed, it is those of us who served in the Grace Brethren church under the impression that it truly maintained a position of

grace. Now we find some declaring that grace is not enough - that before we can be totally right with God and the church we must submit to trine immersion.

Trine immersion is good and scriptural, but so is the three-fold communion service, regular church attendance, generous giving, the practice of good works, separation from the world, service and witnessing to others. If we are consistent we should insist that these and other "good works" be scrupulously observed before membership is granted.

Because the "true church" is still in the world, there must still be some whom God has elected to be saved. If we Brethren will put aside our wrangling and contention as to just what are the requirements for church membership and get on with the business of reaching souls for Christ, they will be taught the beautiful and blessed truths contained in the practice of trine immersion and the three-fold communion. But if not, these elect

ones will be reached by others who really have a burden for the lost but the new converts will never hear about nor practice those things we rejoice in knowing and doing.

In his commentary on Romans 2, Dr. McClain puts it clearly when he says the subject of circumcision and the Jewish religion is relative as compared to baptism and the Christian faith. "Perhaps we may paraphrase the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth verses in this manner: "'For he is not a Christian who is one outwardly, neither is that baptism which is outward in the flesh, but he is a Christian which is one inwardly, and baptism is that of the heart, in the spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not of men but of God.'"

Is it possible that we Brethren will not allow Christians whose baptism is of the heart, in the spirit, to be associated with us fully in the work of reaching the lost for Christ just because they have not obeyed the letter of the law? We should not profess grace if we refuse to practice it.



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MISSION AMERICA

A Strategy for Ministry in the Nineties

"Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ; . . . standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel." Philippians 1:27 NAS

Paul knew that if the gospel of Christ was to be successfully proclaimed throughout the world, Christians would need to stand firm and strive together: stand firm in their faith, and strive together in a spirit of cooperation, in support of a common goal.

It's exciting to be a part of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, to be a part of a group of God's people who are committed to a biblically-sound statement of faith and who cooperate with one another for the proclamation of the gospel of Christ, the extension of His Church in America and around the world.

Grace Brethren Home Missions seeks your prayer support of a ministry strategy for the first half of this decade, "**Mission America.**" We've developed a list of five primary goals for each of our four areas of ministry: church planting, Navajo ministries, church financing, and chaplaincy ministries. These goals are explained below.

MISSION AMERICA MINISTRY GOALS 1991-1995

CHURCH PLANTING:



- **Facilitate the planting of fifty new churches in the USA.** To reach this goal, we would need to plant an average of ten new churches each year over the next five years. Our objective is to plant churches with an ethnic diversity, in areas ranging from rural to urban

settings, in cooperation with sponsoring churches and regional district mission boards.

- **Facilitate the planting of our first Grace Brethren Church in Canada.** This is part of a five-tiered strategy, the "Canadian Initiative," approved by our directors in 1990. Please pray that a qualified church-planter will step forward to lead this pioneer effort.

- **Prepare cooperative agreements with each of our twenty-two districts in the FGBC.** Nearly all of our Home Mission churches receive assistance from their respective district mission boards. Our goal is to enhance and strengthen this cooperative relationship via the adoption of a uniform working agreement.

- **Produce a church-planting handbook for sponsoring churches.** Many of our Grace Brethren Churches are adopting a strategy to reproduce themselves, to actually plant a new church in a neighboring city. Our goal is to facilitate this process with a "how-to" guide, easily read and followed by the average lay person.

- **Provide quality training and ministry tools for our church-planters.** Our goal is to prepare video training helps in the areas of evangelism, assimilation of new people, creative church-planting methodology, etc. We also hope to enhance our leadership workshops and seminars for the development of our church-planters' effectiveness.

NAVAJO MINISTRIES:



- **Obtain full support of our missionary staff by the end of 1993.** Presently, only a few of our Navajo missionaries have their financial support needs fully underwritten. It is our goal to have each one of our Navajo missionaries enjoy the support of sponsoring churches and be accountable to those supporting congregations.

- **Obtain full support of our Navajo student body by the end of 1993.** We have one of the finest educational facilities on the entire Navajo reservation and we feel that Christian education remains one of the most effective means of reaching the Navajo people with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our goal is to develop a network of God's people across the United States which will sponsor the educational needs of our Navajo children.

- **Start two new Navajo churches by the end of 1995.** We are thrilled with the exciting ministries of our three Navajo churches and their Navajo pastors. Please pray that Navajo pastoral leadership will be developed for the initiation of at least two more Grace Brethren churches on the reservation.

- **Develop a dynamic youth ministry among our Navajo churches.** Although there are many activities available for the youth attending our school, there are few activities for the youth who attend our Navajo churches. Our goal is to develop national leadership for the programmatic development of a Christ-centered youth ministry in the local church.

- **Add four couples to our VIA (Volunteers in Action) ministry by the end of 1995.** We have been blessed in Navajoland with the sacrificial service of volunteer helpers, from teaching in the school to maintaining the buildings and grounds. With the addition of the Angie Garber Residence, we are able to comfortably house more people who are willing to volunteer their time and talents in a significant ministry among our Native Americans.

CHURCH FINANCING:



- **Increase awareness in the FGBC of the valuable ministry of the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation.** Many denominations look at our GBIF ministry with an envious eye, especially since churches are finding it more and more difficult to obtain conventional financing

for the purchase of land and construction of worship facilities. Our Grace Brethren people need to be made aware of this effective ministry.

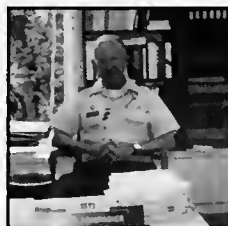
- **Increase personal investments to \$25 million.** This represents an approximate increase of 30 percent over the next five years, or six percent each year. It is a necessary step in order to finance the healthy growth of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

- **Increase church loans to \$20 million.** We expect requests of loans to increase, as the result of new Home Mission churches purchasing land for future development and existing churches constructing their first worship facility or an expansion of their current building.

- **Increase total number of personal investment accounts to 7,000.** Presently, the GBIF has 3,730 accounts. When we consider that the total membership of the FGBC is 39,000+ we have considerable room to grow. Our goal is for more people to enjoy the benefits and blessings of an account with the GBIF, an "investment with eternal value."

- **Develop a network of prayer support for the ministry of the GBIF.** We feel that this organization plays a significant spiritual role in the harvest field of America and, therefore, is deserving of the consistent support of prayer partners who are kept informed of specific needs and ministry progress.

CHAPLAINCY MINISTRY:



- **Increase Eagle Commission membership by 100 percent by the end of 1995.**

The Eagle Commission is a support group which provides prayer and financial assistance for our ministry of encouragement to Grace

Brethren chaplains serving in the United States Armed Forces. Members of the Eagle Commission receive monthly, informative updates and prayer requests from our chaplains who serve in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

- **Recruit and endorse three new chaplains.**

All of our Grace Brethren chaplains serve with distinction and in strategic assignments of ministry. We enjoy a high reputation in the Chaplaincy Corps and wish to preserve this tradition by recruiting quality men who are trained and qualified for this demanding career ministry.

- **Sponsor a ministry retreat for our chaplains and their wives.** As in every profession, there is a need to minister to one's peers, to learn from one another, to encourage. Grace Brethren chaplains serve in some difficult assignments, often in remote, lonely areas, with little occasion for Christian fellowship. They need a time together for prayer and for refreshment.

- **Develop a network of at least ten sponsoring churches for each of our military chaplains.** Even though the Eagle Commission provides personalized support and encouragement, we feel it is important for our chaplains to enjoy a partnership with local congregations.

- **Develop recruitment materials for use in colleges and seminaries.** As part of our effort to endorse qualified men for the Grace Brethren chaplaincy, we will be preparing materials which will illustrate for a prospective candidate the dynamics and challenges of a career position as an officer in the Chaplaincy Corps.



I hope you can appreciate the fact that for these important goals to be achieved, we must "strive together." I hope that you will stand with us, "with one mind," behind these worthy objectives.

My hope and prayer is that "Mission America" will be a strategy which will enjoy the enthusiastic support of all our Grace Brethren people. May this last decade of the twentieth century be a decade of significance as God's people unite together for the gospel of Christ!

Thank You to Our WMC Friends



Dear National WMC Ladies,
I would like to thank you very much for your generous gift of \$470.70 for beds for our Yaloke High School Dormitory. Your gift helped to make it possible for us to accept many additional students and to house them suitably. If we hadn't been able to install beds in our new dormitories, the tremendous expense of the building projects would have been for nothing. Through another gift of the Young Foundation we were able to double the capacity of our second dorm during the summer of 1990 as we did our first dorm during the summer of 1989. This has allowed us to considerably stabilize our situation with on-campus students.

Thank you for being partners with us in the Great Commission. By enabling students to come here to school you are making it possible for them to become acquainted with the Good News of Jesus Christ in a new and practical way; a way that touches all areas of their lives and not just a few hours of their time on Sunday morning. May the Lord richly bless you as your continue to serve Him there in America.

In His Love,
Carol Mensinger
Carol Mensinger

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MISSION EVANGELIQUE DES FRERES



Dear Ladies,

I was pleased to read of the generous gifts from the National WMC to the C.A.R. Dental Project for \$524.48. This is a tremendous encouragement to me especially as we are in the process of opening two new satellite clinics, one at Bangui and one at Bossangoa, two of the largest cities in the C.A.R. with insufficient dental care. Your gift will go a long way in providing supplies for these two new dental clinics. They will be staffed, for the time being, part time by Central African dental nurses that have been trained and are currently running their own "up-country" dental clinics. Again, a personal word of thanks for this generous gift.

My wife and I are due to be home on furlough and if there would be opportunities to present the dental work to the National WMC at either of the two next General Conferences, I would be happy to assist in this way. I appreciate your tangible gift toward the work here, and on behalf of the Central Africans who will benefit from your generosity, I want to thank you.

In Christ's name,

Dave
Dave Daugherty



Dear WMC Ladies:

Thank you very much for your gift in the amount of \$249.06 for HMC computer software and the Dryhill capital improvements. The objective of all our ministries is to reach people for Christ and help them to grow in Him and become involved in a local church. For all those who will be reached as the result of your care and support, I thank you.

Your support of church-planting in the USA is greatly appreciated. Our troops deployed on the spiritual battlefield are depending upon you for their daily provisions. And they are grateful.

With thanksgiving,

Larry N. Chamberlain
Larry N. Chamberlain
Executive Director

GRACE COLLEGE & SEMINARY

Dear Friends:

It's wonderful to have friends like you who really care about Christian higher education.

Your thoughtful and generous gift to Grace College and Seminary is a real encouragement. It illustrates that you have a heart and vision for that kind of education that not only shapes the mind, but stirs the soul and spirit.

Freshman Cal Grucelski can testify that Grace offers more than just an education. There is ministry—right here on campus.

Cal's mother recently died of cancer. As you can imagine, it was difficult for him to be at college during such a painful time. However, the ministry and emotional support of other students has made it more bearable for him.

"A lot of people who I don't even know come up to me and say they are praying for me," said Cal. Perhaps the most helpful support came from students who had experienced similar losses.

It is so encouraging to see Grace students minister to the needs of these around them—a roommate, a friend down the hall, or an acquaintance in class. *I wish you could be here to see it.*

In the Service of Christ,

Read T. Morrison
Read T. Morrison, CFP
Vice President for Institutional Advancement

There's Hope for Buenos Aires!

As of April 21, 1991 there is a new Grace Brethren Church in Buenos Aires, Argentina. It's called *Iglesia de la Esperanza* (Hope Church) and it represents hope for eternal and abundant life in Jesus Christ for the people who live in one of the largest cities in the world. GBFM missionaries Steve and Wilma Bailey and Dave and Sue Guiles are vitally involved in this work which in reality consists of three works in one. To understand this, a short history lesson will help.

In 1989 the Guiles and Baileys began a new church-planting endeavor in conjunction with the Don Bosco Brethren Church, pastored by Eduardo Coria. This church, begun by former GBFM missionaries Solon and Kathryn Hoyt approximately 40 years ago, had the vision to plant a church in the neighboring community of Wilde.

The Lord blessed the Wilde work and after much prayer, contact making and evangelism, a group of between 30-40 people was taking shape. On Sundays, the group from Wilde met



A family signs the membership book for the new churches.

together with the Don Bosco church with the intention that one day they would have their own church in their own community.

In 1990, through a contact provided by one of the Wilde group members, Pastor Coria was given the opportunity to broadcast a weekly radio program in Sarandi, another neigh-

boring community. Out of this ministry grew a Bible study in Sarandi led by Pastor Coria which grew to an attendance of 10-15 people. Many from this group also began congregating at the Don Bosco church on Sundays, also with the intention on the part of some to eventually have their own work in Sarandi.



Pastor Eduardo Coria baptizing new Christians.

With the three groups meeting together every Sunday, the lack of space in the Don Bosco building became a real problem. Something had to be done. Was it time for the Wilde and/or Sarandi works to launch out on their own? After much prayer and planning on the part of the leadership, a decision was finally reached, to combine the three small works into one strong, vibrant, growing church.

This is exactly what happened on April 21, 1991. With 130 people in attendance, 86 people signed a special commemorative parchment as the founding members of this new Grace Brethren Church, *Iglesia de la Esperanza* (Hope Church). A new pastoral leadership team was recognized consisting of two Argentines, Eduardo Coria and Jose Palacios, and two GBFM missionaries, Dave Guiles and Steve Bailey. The Brethren have been challenged to expand their vision of what God can do in and with their church—reach not only their own community but the entire southern zone of Buenos Aires.

This entire project represents a change in the GBFM strategy in Argentina and a break with what has been traditional mission strategy in many fields of the world. Instead of seeking to

begin churches in various areas at the same time, missionary efforts are being concentrated in *one* place at *one* time. The plan is to build a strong base in southern Buenos Aires consisting of a large, strong mother church capable of investing the people, resources and prayer support necessary to plant other churches in surrounding areas.

There is no doubt that God has already begun a significant work in southern Buenos Aires. Attendance at the church has doubled in the past year, from 60 to 120. During the months of March and April of this year, 27 people were baptized, with others waiting in the wings to do likewise. The Iglesia de Esperanza or Hope Church, although small by U.S. standards, is now the second largest Grace Brethren church in Argentina. Immediate plans call for a remodeling of the present sanctuary to be able to accommodate more people and the using of the parsonage next door for Sunday School classrooms, the latter hinging on the finding of adequate housing for Pastor Coria. After that, if the present growth continues, double Sunday morning services could be implemented for a



Part of the congregation of Hope Grace Brethren Church.

time until a bigger facility could be acquired. Long range plans call for the construction of a large facility located on a highly visible piece of land on one of the main avenues of southern Buenos Aires.

It's exciting to see God working and changing lives in this great city. Your GBFM missionaries solicit your prayers as the Iglesia de la Esperanza offers the hope of eternal salvation in Christ to Buenos Aires.

Philippines Bible Institute Need

The Robert Judays' have been working in the Philippines for some years. Their work has been fruitful, but they, like all missionaries, have special needs. They were at the Herald Bookstore in May. As we talked, the need for funds for library books in the Philippines Bible Institute became the center of the conversation. I promised them that the Missionary Herald would help with raising the funds. They stated it would become a project that they would mention as they traveled. The first responses have come in and we are thankful for them. If you would like to become part of the project of Library books for the Philippines, please join us! Checks may be sent to the Missionary Herald or to Grace Brethren Foreign Missions.

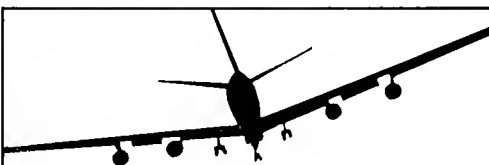
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* **TARGET THREE** - to see 1000 persons praying for the salvation of three friends

* **FOCUS '92** - a focus on outreach for the FGBC strategy

* **Boys' Curriculum Task Force** -- Jim Jensen, coordinator

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NEWS UPDATE

Michael Ostrander will be terminating his ministry at the Ozark Grace Brethren Church of Ozark, MI, after 5 and one-half years. He will assume the pastorate of the Mifflin, OH, Grace Brethren Church. He plans to move to the Mifflin pastorate by July 22, 1991. Resumes for the pastorate at Ozark can be sent to: Ozark Grace Brethren Church, R. 1, Box 212, Moran, MI 49760.

Tim George announced the completion of his ministry at the Myerstown Grace Brethren Church of Myerstown, PA. This will be effective August 1, 1991. He has served in the capacity of associate pastor of evangelism and discipleship.

Roger Wambold has resigned as senior pastor of Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church in Telford, PA. He has accepted the call to serve as general director of the Hebrew-Christian Fellowship Headquarters in Dresher, PA. Inquiries regarding the senior pastor vacancy should be directed to Harvey Stoneback, Chm., Elder Board of the Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church, 320 N. Third St., Telford, PA 18969.

Larry Humberd, youth pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Hagerstown, MD, has announced his resignation. The church is now seeking a replacement for Mr. Humberd and you may contact Pastor Ray Davis if you have an interest in this field of service.

James Custer has been awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree by Grace Schools, Winona Lake, IN. Jim is a graduate of both the college and the seminary and has distinguished himself as the pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Worthington, OH. This church has grown from 250 to the present average attendance of 3,000, and also operates the Grace Brethren Christian Schools and Worthington High School which includes a staff of 95 and 900 students.

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Arment, Alan. P.O. Box 210, Lititz, PA 17543-0210.

Arrington, Harold. 2615 Ellet Ave., Apt. No. 5, Akron, OH 44312 (Tel. 216/733-2529). He requests that all correspondence be sent to the church address at: 530 Stetler Ave., Akron, OH 44312.

Cohen, Steve. 13759 Gardenland Ave., Bellflower, CA 90706-2728.

Dunkle, Jeffrey. 7667 N. Wickham Rd., No. 1501, Melbourne, FL 32940 (Tel. 407/255-9009).

Farrell, Bess (Page 28). Xola 125-103, Colonia Alamos, 03400, Mexico D.F., Mexico.

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Satterthwaite, Richard. Almudaina 21-7, 2; 46007 - Valencia, Spain.

Smith, Randall. 4501 W. Atlantic Blvd., A-1516, Pompano Beach, FL 33066-1763.

Weddings

Day: Deborah Wagner and Leonard Day were united in marriage on February 16, 1991, at the Grace Brethren Church, Meyersdale, PA. Larry Gegner, pastor.

Senior: Billie McClelland and Randy Senior were united in marriage on March 16, 1991, at the Grace Brethren Church

of Cypress, CA. Pastor Charles Covington performed the ceremony.

Deaths

Stephenson, Cecil, 84, October 31, 1990. She was a member of the Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, IN since she was 12 years of age. Robert Griffith, pastor.

Welborn, Glen, 72, May 17, 1991. He was a Grace Brethren pastor for many years and served as pastor of the Leon Brethren Church, Leon, IA, until his retirement several years ago. He also pastored the Kenai Grace Brethren Church in Kenai, AK, for several months after his retirement. John Aeby of Waterloo, IA, LaRoy Anderson, and Russell Betz officiated at the memorial service.

The Maumee Valley Grace Brethren Church is seeking a new pastor. Resumes for this congregation of approximately 175 can be sent to the Maumee Valley Grace Brethren Church, 8715 Garden Rd., Maumee, OH 43537.

A new church is being started in the Mayfair-Tacony area of Philadelphia, PA. It will be called the Crossroads Grace Brethren Church and pastored by Jim Brown. His address is: 4216 Levick St., Philadelphia, PA 19135.

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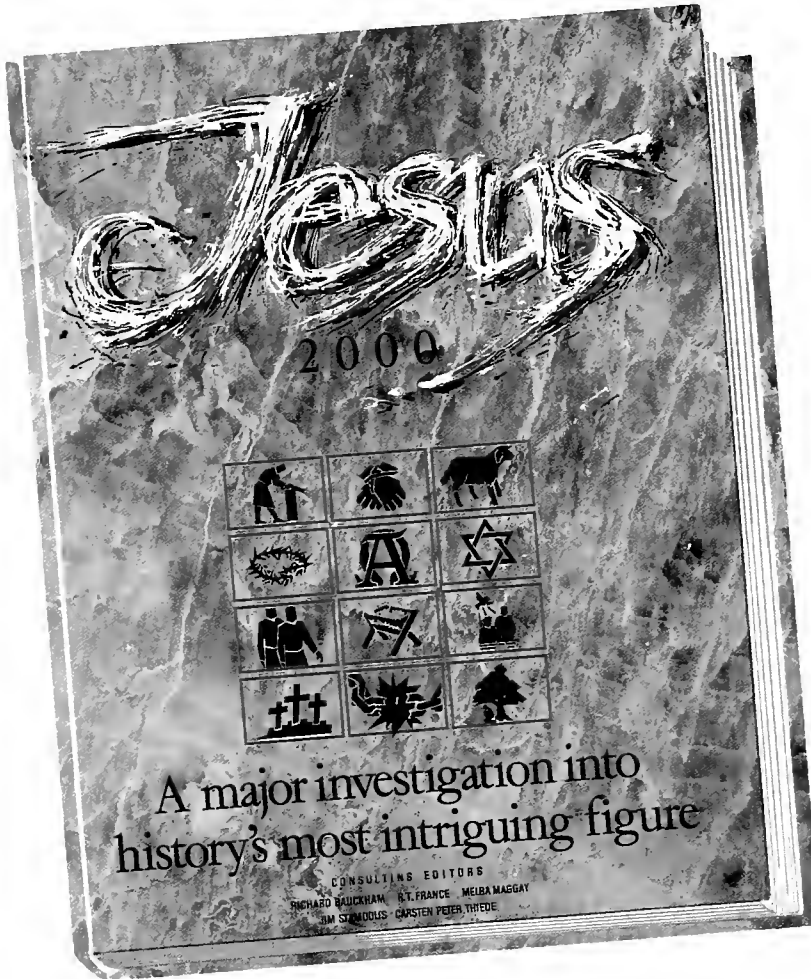
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In the early years the annual meeting location was near Germantown, Pennsylvania. But it began to move out to Virginia, Ohio and Indiana. The annual meetings before 1880 included discussions of doctrine and practice, with questions concerning baptism and discipline. During the mid-19th century the interest centered around Brethren attitudes toward the innovations of the day. The authority of the annual meeting was even questioned! The 1881-1883 disagreements centered on the binding decisions of the meeting. The division of the Brethren during this period brought about different groups and their own models for the annual meeting.

I have a 1,000 page book of the annual meetings covering the period of 1778 through 1980. It is an in-depth study of the thoughts and movements of the periods of this time. The later section deals with the Old German Baptists. The first edition was published in 1876 and carries the name of J. Quinter, the famous publisher of the last century.

The first National Conference I attended was in 1941, just a

half-century ago. It came a month or two before Pearl Harbor and the beginning of World War II. I left the National Youth Conference several evenings to listen to men like Bauman, Ashman, Mayes, McClain and Hoyt who were leaders in the early days of a new group and the call to service was very clear. There was much excitement and for a young man there was a focus. There was no doubt about the reasoning of this group and where they were going.

National conferences for the Grace Brethren took place in Winona Lake, Indiana for many years and then began to be held in other areas where the Brethren were working. However, there is one common element in all of these conferences—it is fellowship! Meeting and greeting and hugging and kissing as persons renew friendships. They exchange stories and warm greetings and the preaching sets the tone for the whole meeting. They debate issues with warmth and go home with the basic convictions that they had brought with them. Seldom does the vote of national conference ever change the action of the local church. Convictions are not easily swayed by the emotions of a few brief hours.

So it is national conference time again. The Brethren have been doing this for over a hundred years, perhaps two hundred. This year we gather at Columbus, Ohio. Some of my friends will not be there this time. They have joined a larger group of believers that have solved the problems of theology and full fellowship. However, there will be hugging, kissing, warm fellowship and sharing in the good things that God has done. There will be some tears, both of joy and sorrow—and we will return to the place where the real work is done—at home in our everyday lives.



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by Charles W. Turner

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After considerable discussion on the Brethren Missionary Herald Board a new emphasis of direction for our magazine was established by the following motion.

1. It is the purpose of the BMH magazine to communicate to the members of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches the news of its ministries and the current state of the church.
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Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches 1992 Conference to Focus on the Theme of Evangelism

Dr. David Plaster, the moderator of our fellowship for 1991-1992, will lead the conference to be held in Winona Lake, Indiana - **August 1-6, 1992.**

The facilities of Grace College will be available to us for lodging and meals. Information about dormitory lodging and meals in the dining hall will be sent out to all F.G.B.C. churches soon.

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CE National, Inc. is urging churches to annually have a special day to encourage church members to invite their friends to join them for a special Sunday celebration. The following article by Elmer Towns gives an overview of Friend Day, used successfully in many Grace Brethren churches to generate contacts in the community.

FRIEND DAY

Friend Day is one of the most successful Sunday School attendance campaigns in the church growth market today. Historically, the Friend Day Campaign is attributed to Wendell Zimmerman at Kansas City (MO) Baptist Temple, who began using the idea in the late 1950s. Dr. Truman Dollar, who became pastor of the church, improved on the idea. The author further developed the idea, adding church growth principles and turning it into a tool for all churches.

Friend Day is an evangelistic outreach involving the total membership in a strategy of church growth which uses existing human relationships to reach people. Its success lies in its simplicity, every church member brings a friend. Many churches have used this campaign to double their attendance on Friend Day. Using the campaign follow-up strategy, many churches have experienced a significant and sustained increase in attendance following Friend Day.

The strength of the Friend Day campaign is that it uses a number of principles of church growth including (1) identifying and reaching receptive, responsive people (qualify prospects), (2) using existing social networks to reach others in the community, (3) using relationships to assimilate new converts to the church, (4) eliminating barriers and ministering to people at their felt needs, (5) utilizing people according to their spiritual gifts, and (6) applying the results of church growth research in a workable plan of evangelism.

The purpose of Friend Day is to create momentum in the minds of the church members. Five Sundays before Friend Day, the pastor holds up a letter to the congregation during the worship service from a town dignitary who promises to attend as the pastor's friend on Friend Day. This gives credibility and motivation to the rest of the congregation to invite a friend to church.

The following Sunday, members of the Church Board hold up their letter indicating a friend is attending with them on Friend Day. The third week, Sunday School leaders reinforce Friend Day by displaying their commitment from a friend. This commitment is an enlistment card. A card is then distributed to all church attenders. On the fourth



Sunday, each member of the congregation is asked to display commitment cards.

In 1983, Church Growth Institute of Lynchburg, Virginia first published a church growth campaign entitled *Friend Day*. In the next seven years, over 20,000 churches used it to reach people for Jesus Christ. As a matter of record, Friend Day usually reaches more people than a week long evangelistic crusade. One denominational office wrote, "Friend Day is the hottest thing going in Sunday School."

The success of *Friend Day* and widespread interest in a similar follow-up campaign resulted in the recent publication of *The Second Friend Day* by Church Growth Institute. The new material includes lessons with coloring books for children, sermon outlines, new adult lessons and two books that help people evangelize their friends.

Both of these resource packets contain all a church needs to conduct a successful evangelistic outreach campaign. They include audio tapes which explain how to use the packet and motivate church boards and Sunday School teachers. Also included are art layouts that can be copied for advertisements and forms to organize and administer the programs. Everything in the packet is reproducible.

A recent survey of four thousand new converts indicated that 70 to 80 percent had chosen a church because they had been invited by a relative or friend. A nationwide survey of both growing and non-growing congregations revealed that between two-thirds and three-fourths of the members were affiliated with their particular churches because of friendship and kinship ties; and in the members of the fastest growing congregations, a full seven-eighths of the recent adult new members indicated that they first attended the church at the invitation of a friend or relative.

For more information on Friend Day contact 1-800-553-GROW at Church Growth Institute (Virginia) or contact CE National, Inc., P.O. Box 365, Winona Lake, IN 46590 (219) 267-6622.

Published from Town's Practical Sunday School Encyclopedia, Tyndale House Publications, Wheaton, Illinois, to be released summer, 1992.



An FGBC Focus on Outreach

Is knowing Christ the most important thing in life? Then sharing Christ is the most important thing you can do for others.

For a number of years now various pastors, leaders, and church members have expressed concern that as a Fellowship of churches and as local churches we *must* renew our commitment to reaching the lost for Christ. In the last 8 years as a Fellowship conversion growth in the United States has dropped from almost 8000 people a year to 4000 people a year. In spite of new churches . . . new educational programs, we're losing effectiveness in reaching those who are not yet believers.

As a result of a growing need in our churches, a desire from leaders of FGBC boards to encourage evangelism among those entrusted to their responsibilities and a challenge from the FGBC strategy, a new "Focus on Outreach" emphasis is being instituted for the Fellowship called "FOCUS '92."

District and regional seminars are planned beginning in September 1991 to stimulate concern and action in reaching the lost for Christ. With unprecedented teamwork in evangelism using national and district leaders, Saturday seminars will challenge pastors and church members through Biblical motivation, prayer, training, sharing, accountability, and follow-up. The seminars include small group discussions by churches, videos of conversations with the lost

concerning Christianity, skits on ways to share Christ, training in a new evangelism tool (available to those desiring its use) and newly-revised follow-up materials for new converts. One important aspect includes personal responsibility for outreach with goals and plans where a sense of accountability will be encouraged. Churches will be challenged to consider local programming to focus on the lost.

Please pray that God will use these initial plans to help us all be more active in sharing our faith. As a result we too can grow spiritually as we gain a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ (Philemon 6). The following people are planning to attend each of the regional seminars in 1991 and '92: Larry Chamberlain, Jesse Deloe (GBHM); Tom Julien, Jay Bell (GBFM; David Plaster, Roger Peugh (Grace Schools); Ron Thompson (BEM); Ed Lewis, Steve Peters (CE National).

Scheduled seminars in districts at this printing: Southern Ohio - September 28; North Central Ohio - October 26; North East Ohio - November 2; Southern California - February 8; Northern Atlantic - March 7; Virginia - March 14. For more information contact "FOCUS" at P.O. Box 335, Winona Lake, IN 46590.

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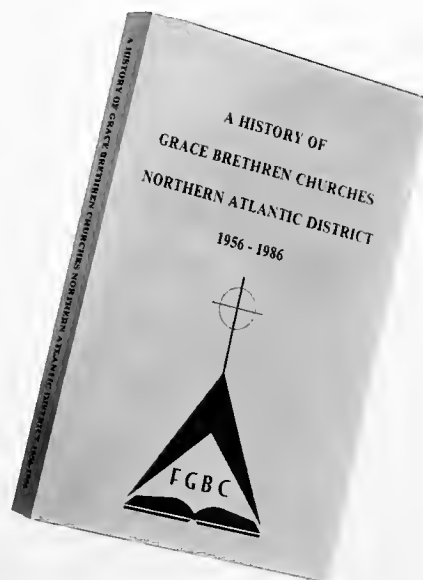
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Having Hope For An International Fellowship Of Grace Brethren Churches

The sun never sets on the worldwide fellowship of Grace Brethren churches. Worship begins in the land of the rising sun, continues through Europe and Africa, finally bringing together Christians on the American continents, with the churches of Hawaii the last to close their doors.

In most parts of the world the Brethren are sparse, but we can say that Grace Brethren churches encircle the globe. An international fellowship of Grace Brethren churches is already a reality.

What then does our Fellowship strategy mean when it states: "Implement plans to *establish* an International Fellowship of Grace Brethren churches?" The answer is that we have *churches* but very little *fellowship* on an international level. We are looking for something that will tie us together so that we can rejoice in each others blessings and share common burdens.

The dream of an International Fellowship has been around for a long time. Resolutions and recommendations have been passed, but until now we have been skimpy on follow through. The need for doing better is keenly felt by many. Better networking is indispensable to preserve our heritage, share common concerns, and unite us in our mission to a world never more desperate for hope. Our Fellowship strategy, the road map for many of us in planning and reflecting, lists three assignments. These have been give to Grace Brethren Foreign Missions for implementation.

Identify the Leadership of the International Fellowship

We are instructing our Regional Coordinators to seek to identify the leaders of our churches on each continent. We will be publishing a photo and a brief biographical sketch of some of these men



Women's and Men's groups in Central African Republic.



The ordination of an elder in Germany.

in future editions of Significant Times Newsletter.

In 1993, one man from each country will be invited to participate in a Leadership Council to be held just before National Conference here in the United States. The purpose of this meeting will be to establish an organizational structure for the International Fellowship and to plan an International Conference for 1995.

As an ongoing project, GBFM will coordinate an exchange program for pastors. Through the years, many pastors have visited the "mission field." How about planning a trip for your pastor, making the focus not the mission field, but a sister church somewhere in the world? How about going a step further and encouraging your district to bring a pastor from overseas into your churches to allow him to minister and also to learn from you?

Establishing a Communication System to Track Church-Planting Worldwide

At this time no one knows exactly how many Grace Brethren churches exist or where they all are, mainly because of the outstanding growth of the African congregations. Our goal is to have a complete listing of the churches by this time next year, listing the date of their organization, their founder, and current pertinent information.

At the same time, plans are being made to encourage distribution of a monthly newsletter of churches of each continent giving news of God's working, sharing prayer requests, and making Brethren aware of particular needs. The newsletter will also encourage churches to engage in common efforts of prayer, such as the Day With God on May 15, and common efforts of outreach, such as FOCUS 92.

In fact, united prayer might well become the

greatest one unifying factor of our International Fellowship. This year we received a very encouraging response from several countries indicating that churches had set May 15 aside to seek God and His favor.

Organize an International Conference by 1995 with Representation from Each Country

One of our dreams is to see a conference somewhere in the world bring together representatives from every country where Grace Brethren churches exist. Those of us here in the United States hardly see the need of such a gathering, for we tend to value such events by what they can do for us rather than what we can do for others, and it is evident that we have been blessed abundantly and need very little. This is certainly not the case with our brothers in other countries.

Churches that are planted overseas see themselves as spiritual children of sending churches. The



The congregation at the church in Conde, Brazil.

day comes when the missionary must leave. These churches must not feel that they are orphaned at that time. An International Fellowship must be able to continue what the mission has begun, otherwise the fruit of many years' labor will go to others. An International Conference at best will bring together only a limited number of participants. It will be a step toward further networking and sharing. But though just a small step, it will nevertheless be the setting for true *fellowship* on a deeper level than many of the participants have ever known.

Yes, an international fellowship of churches is already a reality if we mean merely the existence of congregations around the globe, but it is time to put some content into the word fellowship and create genuine ligaments between us and our brothers of other lands.

"From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." Eph. 4:16

Pastors Coria and Azcarate to Visit National Conference

Two national pastors will participate in the Missions Rally on Sunday at National Conference. They represent two of the metropolitan areas of Latin America—Buenos Aires and Mexico City. We extend to them a warm welcome to our country and our conference, and our best wishes for their ministry in our midst.

Eduardo Coria

Pastor Eduardo Coria is the Senior Pastor of the new Hope Grace Brethren Church in Buenos Aires. The Hope Church is a merger between the Don Bosco, Wilde, and Sarandi congregations. Born in the Cordoba Province of Argentina, Pastor Coria graduated in 1960 from the Grace Brethren Bible Institute in Almafuerite. He was married in 1961 to Nora and became pastor of the Tancacha church. In 1964, he became one of the directors of the Almafuerite Bible Institute, participating in the radio program hosted by missionary Lynn Schrock. In 1972, he moved with his family to Buenos Aires where he became pastor of the Don Bosco church while serving with a Christian recording studio. In 1988, he left the studio to become one of the few full-time pastors of the country. Pastor Coria has three children and six grandchildren.



Pastor Coria

Mariano and Margarita Azcarate

For the past five years, Peruvian born Mariano Azcarate has pastored the Grace Brethren Church in Mexico City. It was through the ministry of this church that Mariano one day came to know Jesus Christ as his Savior while passing through Mexico on his way to the United States searching for a better life. That was in 1981. Hungry to know more about the Bible he soon decided to formally study in a Latin American seminary. Mariano married a member of the Mexico City GBC, Margarita.

After four years of seminary studies, Mariano returned to Mexico City to pastor his first church. Mariano has focused on developing capable leaders who are able to direct others. His strong points include Bible teaching and marriage counselling.



Pastor Azcarate

Mariano, 36, and Margarita, 34, have three children: Andres Eduardo (8), Mariano (5), and Maria Julia (2).

Where is God When Friendship Hurts?

Diane stared in shock at the letter in her hand. She read it again, hoping that she had misunderstood its message.

Diane,

You won't need to help me get the kids to the doctor on Friday. We will manage just fine on our own. You never do any of the things you promise, so from now on we'll take care of ourselves.

We don't need for you to tell us about God and His love. He has never done anything to help us, even though I've prayed many times. People like you always try to force their ideas about God on others. I'm glad this is a free land where we don't have to pay any attention to people like that.

Sarah

P.S. It won't work out for us to come for the holidays. I'll get your typewriter back to you somehow after I finish this course. I'll mail the books as soon as I finish them.

Diane dropped the letter on the kitchen counter. Was Sarah trying to tell her that this was the end of their friendship? She had called Sarah long distance two days ago to let her know that her car was in the shop for major repairs and she would not be able to make the two-hour trip to Sarah's town to drive her children in for their checkups. She had thought that Sarah understood that this was a situation beyond Diane's control.

Her mind wrestled with Sarah's accusation that she never did anything to help her. Could Sarah really believe that? Of course, Sarah didn't know about many of the sacrifices that Diane and her family had made for her. Diane had been very careful never to tell Sarah about them. She thought of the time that finances were very tight and her husband had been given a chance to earn some overtime. They had planned on using the money to repair some leaks in the roof, but Sarah had been going through hard times financially since her divorce, and had called in tears. Diane and her husband had discussed the situation, and the money from the overtime check had gone to Sarah.

Shortly after that, Sarah had been invited to go with some friends to a cabin for a week. These friends did not care much for children and had not invited Sarah's children. Diane and her family had kept the children for the week, even though they had house guests of their own at the time, so Sarah could have the break she needed.

Then there was the piano which at the time Sarah had said was a dream come true. But it was Diane who had scanned the papers, looking for the "dream," an affordable used piano. And it was

Diane's husband and brother-in-law who had transported the heavy piano to Sarah's house, giving up their day off to make the trip.

As she racked her brain to think of what Sarah could be thinking of, nothing came to mind except that she had once offered to include some of Sarah's items in a garage sale. None of them had sold, and Sarah had felt cheated. Oh, yes, Sarah had also asked her to try to sell a set of tapes that Sarah's children had outgrown, but Diane hadn't been able to find a buyer. "Help me, Lord, to know what else I've done to hurt Sarah," she cried in her heart, "and show me how to make it right."

Hadn't she prayed for Sarah enough? The question was, how could she pray for her more? All day long, it seemed, every day, her heart cried out to the Lord for her friend. Why hadn't God answered her prayers for Sarah? Why hadn't He proved Himself to Sarah before she turned against Him? Why didn't He prove Himself to her now, and dispel her doubts?

They had been so close: college roommates, best friends and confidants; they had even chosen the same career. Diane had truly thought of Sarah as a sister. Why was it that Sarah had stopped believing in God and become the angry person she was today?

Diane would have laughed at Sarah's accusation that she was forcing her ideas on her, except it hurt to think that Sarah could really believe what she was saying. Sarah had once claimed to love God as Diane did, and they had attended the same church for years, until Sarah married and moved away. Now that Sarah was rejecting God, she had told Diane to instruct her children to never mention God to Sarah's children. Diane had responded in her last letter that God was too much a part of their lives, and that she could not require that her children consciously deny His presence in their lives. That, according to Sarah, meant they were forcing their beliefs on her.

As Diane slowly picked up the letter and placed it back in the envelope, she felt the same ache inside her that she had felt when her grandfather died. "It's actually worse," she thought. "With Sarah I can't rest in the assurance that she is with the Lord. I can only pray that she changes her mind before it's too late."

*What is Diane's responsibility to her friend? Does friendship mean continuing to bear hurts yourself in order to help someone? What does the Bible say that Diane should do next? Write your suggestions for Diane, based on what you believe the Bible teaches and send it to: **WMC Editor, Brethren Missionary Herald Co., P.O. Box 544, Winona Lake, IN 46590***

Deadline: August 25. Your suggestions will be printed in the October issue of the *HERALD*.

Inner City Ministries

Ministry in inner-city Philadelphia.

There are people everywhere you look. One million, six hundred thousand faces packed into this "inner city".

They are Philadelphia.

Four Grace Theological Seminary alumni—all Grace Brethren pastors—and their families are part of inner-city Philadelphia. They are there with the most important mission of all in the teeming city—to bring the good news.

Mike Brubaker (M.Div. '83) has been there the longest. "Though I was a country bumpkin, the Holy Spirit drew me to urban work all through my life." His undergraduate years at Philadelphia College of Bible placed him right in the middle of the city.

While at Grace Seminary, Mike participated in the Grace Prayer Bands, a factor which kept the burden for inner city alive within him.

"I had learned to love Philadelphia 20 years before God put me there as Associate Pastor at First Brethren Church in Philadelphia."

That was in 1981. Mike, his wife Margie, and their daughters Charlanne and Amy are still there. He's been the Senior Pastor since 1983.

Steve Blake (M.Div. '78) took the challenge of Third Brethren Church nearly five years ago. "When we got here," Steve remembers, "they averaged only about 20 in attendance and were ready to shut the doors. Now we average about 89."

Steve is on the street more than in the office. "Sure I still study and preach, but the inner city is people, and I love people. I want to meet them and start building relationships."

"We don't play church here and open up only on Sunday. It is a life for us."

Steve and his wife Ruth and their four children James, Mackenzie, Morgan, and Cara live just three minutes from the church. It is a rough, welfare area beset with crime, violence, and drugs. "We take precautions, but God has to take care of us. We can't live in fear."

Steve Makofka (BA '83, M.Div. '88) is the rookie.

Steve and his family live in the Fishtown area as Grace Brethren Home Missions urban church planters.

"We started from scratch. Within a one-mile radius of us there are 45,000 people and only two other Bible-preaching churches. Both are fairly small.

We just walked outside and started talking to people. Developing the skill of talking with people is a matter of survival. The foundation of the urban church pastor is his ability to initiate conversations with people."

With an average attendance of 30, the congregation of Liberty Grace Brethren Church has moved



Steve Makofka,
Mike Brubaker,
Steve Blake.

its meetings from the Makofka's house to a local funeral home.

Steve and his wife Lorrie (formerly Lorrie Gottschalk, who earned her AS degree in Nursing from Grace College in 1982) have two children, Kristin, and Kaitlin.

The latest addition to the Philadelphia team is Jim Brown, his wife, Lisa, and their three children, Jason, Jared, and Jennifer.

The Browns are members of First Brethren Church and are working on plans now to plant a new Grace Brethren Church, Crossroads Grace Brethren Church of Philadelphia, in the Mayfair section of the city.

Jim is a May 1991 M.Div. graduate of Grace Theological Seminary and is now completing the licensure process in the Northern Atlantic District of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. Jim had been youth pastor on the staff at First Brethren before entering Grace Seminary in 1988.

The needs of the people scream out in Philadelphia—there's no doubt what to do with your time and vision. But, how to meet those needs?

Mike Brubaker: "We are seeking to increase our membership to 300. That way we would have a firm base on which to branch out into the city to do more work."

Steve Blake: "We are fighting against Satan to develop a core of Sunday-after-Sunday men with strong commitments in their lives. We want this church to become an accurate reflection of the neighborhood racial population and meet the needs of everyone in the racial mixture."

Steve Makofka: "We are aiming toward a permanent facility by next year. We are also working to increase our people's skills in evangelism. To accomplish these things we specifically are seeking two churches to adopt us, to help us financially, visit often and pray for us."

Jim Brown: "Philadelphia is a traditional, yet contemporary city. I see great opportunities for the multiplication of new churches throughout the city. This is the area of the traditional roots of the Brethren churches in our country, and there is a lot to do in the city today to bring the good news of Christ to so many people. We are truly excited as we look at future opportunities."

God's Wonderful Provision

By Pastor Scott Weaver

On April 7, 1991, at 2:30 p.m., we met for the Ground Breaking Service for our new building. There were 98 members, guests, and friends present. It was a cool, clear day. Less than an hour afterwards it began to rain, and the rain continued for more than a week. However, God gave us a glorious day from early morning throughout the afternoon on a day that our church had been



Clockwise: Pastor Scott Weaver leads the ground-breaking service.

A prayer of dedication is given for the new facility.

Jim Johnson, Director of the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation, shares during the ground-breaking of the new building.



dreaming of for the past two years!

The five acres of land that God made available to us for \$70,000 is now worth at least \$200,000. We continue to be amazed at the Lord's blessing and direction.

On April 18, workers excavated, dug holes, and poured cement for the new building. The next day they set huge beams on which to hang the building. It seemed slow in those opening days, but then things began to really take place. On April 27, they set the trusses for the roof upon which plywood and shingles were applied.

Each Friday at 10:00 a.m. our building committee met with the contractor to discuss problems.

Things went well until May 3 when we learned that we were going to be forced to construct a deceleration lane and move the telephone pole! The contractor said it might cost \$1,500 to \$2,500 to move the telephone pole. The cost of this entire project would be \$10,000 which had not been included in our original construction cost. But God had other plans!

We found that there were two telephone poles, and they belonged to the City of Mishawaka. The city officials proved to be very helpful. After looking the situation over, they offered to move both poles for nothing! They even ran the underground power line and set a new transformer at NO COST. How wonderful our God is!

God also led one of our own church families to offer to pay for the deceleration lane! What a great God we have!!

The contractor, Rufus Martin, is a born again man. He has been so conscientious and has done a wonderful job. Almost all of the sub-contractors and workers are Christians as well.

Everything kept right on schedule. By mid-June the rock lath was completed, the brick work was going up beautifully, and the siding had been applied. The electricians, plumbers, and earth movers all hustled so that we could move in by mid-August.

We included in the church bulletin each Sunday a list of items that could be provided as memorials in the new building. Our people have enjoyed underwriting them: church steeple, \$2,500; pulpit

chairs, \$350; sign, \$1,500; piano keys at \$69.80 each; refrigerators and stoves for the kitchen, etc. Two of our men, Robert Chaffee and Ed Dressler, have completed a beautiful oak pulpit, altar table, and two flower stands for a total cost of \$350. These items would have cost us \$2,500.



The WMC ladies of the North Kokomo Grace Brethren Church put together and sold cookbooks with recipes provided by ladies of both of our churches. The North Kokomo church invited our people to an evening service on July 21. They planned an evening of fellowship after the regular service and presented our church with \$800 for our new hymn books. What a sweet time together!

God has been putting it all together for us through the members of our Grace Brethren Fellowship: Home Missions, Brethren Investment Foundation, district churches, and many other of God's people. We are so very grateful for all the gifts and sacrifices that have been made.

Our first worship service in our new church building should be on August 18, and the Mishawaka Grace Brethren DEDICATION SERVICE is being planned for September 22, 1991. All our friends are invited to attend, if possible, and rejoice with us in God's wonderful provision!



Although the pace seemed slow in the opening days, construction has moved right along. Pastor Scott Weaver and the Mishawaka, Indiana, GBC, are planning the first worship service in the new building for August 18.



Alliance, Nebraska . . . One Year Later!

(An interview with Jules Ostrander, Pastor of an Independent Baptist Church in Alliance, Nebraska, scene of an unprecedented spiritual revival that transformed a town of 9,500 in May of 1990)

Ron: I've read articles in *Moody Monthly* and elsewhere about what happened. Could you tell us more?

Jules: Revival took place! I began meeting with preachers of other churches—Evangelical Free, Assemblies of God and others and prayed and believed God, and that's what was going on prior to 1990. We had the Anders Family, an evangelistic team, in for eight days. Big things began to occur and God prompted us to go on another week, and it ended up going 9½ weeks! The articles reported that 1,000 people came to Christ. A number of these were unchurched people who are still active in churches today.

A major result of what occurred was a youth work, called the Alliance Teen Outreach Mission. God prompted a young man in my church, with no formal training, to begin a work which ministers to around 40 or 50 kids. One teenager who got turned around was a drug dealer a year ago. He has won 20 people to Christ. Teens are coming out of a background of drugs and Mormonism; many have never been to a church before.

Cross-denominational meetings are continuing. Church attendance is up in Bible-believing churches. I think I can safely say there is a greater commitment in my church to obey the Scripture than there was before. In the last two months my entire church board resigned, one at a time, on the basis that *they* didn't qualify according to 1 Timothy 3 to be leaders in the church. So we've put in a whole new board. One man said, "I don't want to hold back what Jesus wants to do in this church and in this town."

We've started a full-time nursing home ministry. A man and his wife who recently moved here are working in eight or nine nursing homes, driving 600 miles a week, winning elderly people to Christ. I could take you to a number of couples who were saved and baptized a year ago that are still making a difference, still growing.

Ron: What was the key element in all of this? Was it prayer?

Jules: It's prayer, but it isn't just prayer. It is *prayer crossing denominational lines* which most people aren't willing to do. I pray and meet with the Charismatic camp. We're going to spend all of eternity together, therefore I think we ought to try

to get along with each other now. So that's a key. Another is *vision*; expecting God to do something. We saw vision, expectation and cooperation among churches.

Ron: How has the revival affected evangelism in your church? Do your people feel free to share their faith?

Jules: Oh yes, that's occurring. When I came here three years ago the highest percentage of the town did *not* know this church existed. That has completely changed. Everybody is aware of the church and what we stand for. We've been branded as a radical, wild church in the city. But definitely, people are taking a stand in the workplace. Many of them are carrying tracts and inviting people. It has become the talk of the town.

Ron: Would you include unity as a necessity to revival?

Jules: Absolutely! If you study anything on revival in the past, you'll find that when the denominational distinctives, the lesser issues, were set aside, that's when God began to work. I personally believe the Holy Spirit is grieved at most cities in America because of the way preachers and churches treat each other and talk about each other.

Ron: Tell me your thoughts about the future for your community and church. What are you thinking as you look ahead?

Jules: I don't think we've even gotten started! We've been running two services since the revival, and we're going to acquire another building and be debt-free on the first day. I'm expecting some churches to close. (We always like to look at the positive side, the upbeat side of revival, but we need to recognize that there is a *backside* to revival.) I'm expecting the Bible churches to get bigger, hotter, more dynamic. I'm still believing God to take the town. We've seen a revival and revival is when God's people get right with Him. And that's going on to a lesser extent even today. I'm expecting an awakening. An awakening is when lost people turn to Jesus by the droves. That's what I'm expecting in Alliance. My heart-beat is revival in the country . . . coast to coast!

Ron: Amen! Thanks, Jules.

—Submitted by Ron E. Thompson

Constructing The Vision Through Missions

by Susanne Collins

Several years ago the GBC in Cincinnati, Ohio found itself facing an unusual challenge. Our congregation was primarily comprised of families with young children. While Sunday School curriculum was plentiful, we discovered that there was little available for children's church ministries. Since the philosophy of our children's ministry was to promote world missions, we determined it was necessary to develop our own curriculum focusing on global missions. This project was directed by Judy Brown and Sue Collins.

Wanting to give our children a "heart to change the world," we began our journey to create this new curriculum. Due to the wide age range (grades 1-6), very few materials were suitable as written. We wanted hands-on, missions-oriented lessons and we were drawn to materials from the U.S. Center for World Missions that were written for kindergarten children. We used their concept of a "country-a-month" theme, selected our destinations and continued our travels.

Beginning with Brazil we focused on songs, recipes and artifacts from Dan and Nancy Green, our missionaries to Brazil. We highlighted Judy and Eric Brown's mission trip to visit the Greens on the field. (Our current format includes "visits" to 12 Grace Brethren Foreign Mission fields).

Our "trip" was extended one month at a time as the writers alternated teaching and writing duties. (A third couple, Clark and Carol Sarver, also helped with the teaching). Much time was spent compiling resources, researching cultural aspects of each country and coordinating Christian and secular materials. The material is complete and detailed, although supple-

ments from sources such as Child Evangelism Fellowship are helpful.

Many children brought neighbors and enthusiasm was high. Being a normally active group, we provided songs, games, A-V materials, crafts, a missions lesson and food experience on a weekly basis, with activities changing every 10-15 minutes. We included parties, special programs presented to the entire congregation and a restaurant trip.

We learned about holidays, festivities, language, cuisine and customs. While each culture was different, we emphasized the one thing they had in common . . . their need to believe in Jesus Christ. We attempted to decorate the classroom to reflect the country we were studying. However, meeting in a rented middle school facility hampered this effort. (One of our favorite experiences was studying the C.A.R. during the summer because we were able to leave our stone "campfire" and bulletin boards up for the whole month). We often talked about how we could even more effectively facilitate the program "when we get our building."

Three years after beginning our journey we have chosen to share our curriculum with other churches to benefit our building program. Selected portions have been used with success by GBFM, churches, Christian schools and public schools. Our desire is to make these materials available by this year's national conference.

Producing this material has been a total church project: written by various members, type-set by Steve Strouse, edited and promoted by Kathy Clark with cover design by Micah Collins. We trust that God will use this project to honor His name!

Christian Fiction Author Hopes Book Will Lead Others to Christ

by Chip Alford

Colleen Snyder cannot imagine life without books.

"My earliest childhood memories are of my mother reading 'Winnie the Pooh' to us kids," said the 36-year-old Columbus, Ohio, bookkeeper and budding author. "She would sit there with this stuffed bear on her lap and act out all the characters. It was wonderful."

Snyder continues the tradition with her own children, Katie, 10, and 7-year-old Mark Jr., better known as "Bear." But she was determined to share a more eternal message with her kids than could be conveyed through humorous bedtime stories.

After becoming a Christian as a young adult, Snyder developed a voracious appetite for books with religious themes.

"Somebody introduced me to the C.S. Lewis 'Chronicles of Narnia' books and I loved them," Snyder said, referring to a series of fiction fantasy novels by the British scholar/theologian. "When Katie got old enough I began reading them to her, and we read through them twice and she still wanted to hear them again."

But rather than read through the series a third time, Snyder decided to take a stab at writing her own children's book.

"I had been writing a lot for years, not for publication, just for my own enjoyment," said Snyder. "But I thought I might be able to write a story that could get across to Katie and Bear some biblical principles, so that they could come to faith in Jesus as children instead of having to wait until they are grown up like I did."

"I saw that C.S. Lewis incorporated fantasy into



Columbus, Ohio—Colleen Snyder reads to her two children, Katie and Mark, Jr. (Bear), from the original handwritten manuscript of her first book, "Journey to Amanah: The Beginning." The Christian fiction book is to be released this month by Broadman Press. (Photo by Jim Veneman).

his writing and that you can marry fantasy and Christianity without losing the message of Christ. Seeing how well he did it made me at least want to try."

Initially, Snyder wrote her "book" as a story to read only to her children. She wrote each chapter in longhand while her daughter was away at kindergarten. The story revolved around two children, Katie and Mark, who were on a mystical journey to "Chayah," the Hebrew word for "life" or "heaven."

"I wrote a chapter a day so we could read something new each night," Snyder remembered. "And Katie was a very strict editor because if I ever didn't come through she would say, 'But Mommy, you promised me a new chapter.'"

The handwritten manuscript was finished in less than three weeks, and Snyder typed the first copy with then two-year-old Bear lying across her shoulder. She eventually shared the story with a

"writing buddy" from California who encouraged her to revise the story and submit it for publication.

"I had to make some changes," Snyder explained. "There were some theological kinks that had to be worked out, and then I decided to turn the whole story into an allegory that would demonstrate the journey to faith in Christ."

Snyder made several revisions before submitting the manuscript to publishers for consideration. The story title was changed from *Journey to Chayah* to *Journey to Amanah*. "Amanah" is the Hebrew word for "faith". Most of the characters were given Hebrew names with meanings relative to their role in the story, and their ages were changed to make them appeal to teen-agers and young adults, as well as children.

As most writers do, Snyder had to face rejections before Broadman Press agreed to publish *Journey to Amanah: The Beginning*. The book, which is being billed as a Christian fiction novel, was scheduled for a July release by the Nashville, TN based publishing house.

In its published form, *Journey to Amanah* follows the adventures of Rachael and Jonathan Adamson. On their mystical journey, the two learn about "Haben Jah" (the son of God), and must decide whether to trust him or "Adam Chata," (man of sin) the evil governor of "Tebel-Ayr" (city of confusion).

Tempted at every turn, the young travelers are led astray by false guides who take them to dangerous locations like "The City of Delights" and the "Pit of Despair." They are given helpful guides as well, but in the end it is their own faith that determines whether they arrive at their destination.

In many ways, Snyder said the story parallels her own journey of faith.

"On New Year's Eve in 1974 I was alone in my apartment. I can remember getting on my knees and crying out to God, if there was a God, to take



my life and do something with it, or I'd take it myself," Snyder recalled.

"That night while I cried and prayed I felt a peace and I knew everything was going to be alright."

A short time later Snyder joined the Air Force and was assigned to a missile unit squadron in North Carolina.

"My squadron commander and immediate supervisor were born-again Christians. They took me under their wing and their families kind of adopted me and got me involved in a Bible study. That is where my walk with the Lord really began and I've been walking with Him ever since."

Today, Snyder is an active member at Trinity Grace Brethren Church in Columbus with her husband, Mark. But like the characters in her book she, too, has faced obstacles in her Christian pilgrimage. One was overcoming the New Age philosophy she had been taught during her childhood and adolescence. She purposely included New Age terminology and ideas in her book and had the characters discover them to be false teachings.

"I was hoping to counter a lot of the New Age philosophy that is being taught out there today, the subtlety of it, how it twists Scripture and results in confusion," she said.

Perhaps more important, though, is Snyder's hope that the book will actually become a tool for evangelism. She was thrilled when Broadman asked her to include her Christian testimony as an epilogue to the story.

"My hope for this book is that someone would read it and come to faith in Christ," she said. "If only one person does that, then it will have all been worth it."

Chip Alford is the Feature Reporter for the Nashville Bureau of Baptist Press.

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NEWS UPDATE

Jeff Dunkle is the new pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Melbourne, FL.

Lyle Sweeney has resigned from the pastorate of the Pike Grace Brethren Church of Johnstown, PA.

There is an immediate need for a Director of the Physical Plant of Grace College. This person has the responsibility for the maintenance, custodial, grounds, central supply, audio/visual, security, and transportation functions. He will be accountable for a sizable staff and budget.

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Robert Markley, who has pastored churches in the Fellowship for many years, has recently had to undergo a triple bypass operation. He is getting along as well as can be expected. Continued prayer has been requested on his behalf.

John Garber, son of Rev. and Mrs. Martin Garber who have served on the African mission field for many years, was seriously injured July 4, 1991. He was burned over 35 percent of his body from an explosion.

Larry Humberd has accepted the call to be the pastor of the Lehigh Valley Grace Brethren Church of Bethlehem, PA, as of July 1, 1991. Until the Humberds have secured a personal address, they can be reached by using the church address: 580 Bridle Path Rd., Bethlehem, PA 18017.

The First Brethren Church of Buena Vista, VA, honored its Senior

Pastor Dr. Paul R. Fink and his wife, Mary Lou, with a surprise Fortieth Wedding Anniversary reception on

June 16. They were presented with a three-tier wedding cake, many gifts, and a shower of money.

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Arrington, Harold. His personal telephone number is 216/794-2752.

Card, Charles. P.O. Box 72146, Fort Bragg, NC 28307.

Diaz, John. 407 Queen St., Portsmouth, VA 23704.

Dunkle, Jeff. 906 Delta Way, Melbourne, FL 32940.

Hartman, John. P.O. Box 135, Osceola, IN 46561-0135.

Hudson, Elliott. 3307 Martin Farm Rd., Johnson City, TN 37601.

Humberd, Larry. c/o Lehigh Valley Grace Brethren Church, 580 Bridle Path Rd., Bethlehem, PA 18017 (Tel. 215/868-0004).

Ocealis, Mike. His telephone number is 904/607-7674.

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Sowers, Larry. R. 1, Box 555, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

Stallter, Tom. 612 N. Miami St., West Milton, OH 45383-1914.

Wall, F. Eugene. P.O. Box 741, Miamisburg, OH 45343-0741.

The address of the Hackberry Hill Grace Brethren Church is: 6980 Pierce St., Arvada, CO 80003. The name of the church has now been changed to the Grace Fellowship Church.

The address for the Clayhole church is 4335 Hwy. 476, Clayhole, KY 41317.

The zip code for the Maranatha Brethren Church of Hagerstown, MD, is 21742.

Weddings

Kaylor: Trisha Weiant and Todd Kaylor were married on April 13, 1991, at the Grace Brethren Church of Myerstown, PA. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

Giorgio: Tammy Stauffer and John Giorgio were married on April 20, 1991, at the Grace Brethren Church of Myerstown, PA. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

Sattazahn: Ann Ziegler and Steve Sattazahn were married on May 25, 1991, at the Grace Brethren Church of Myerstown, PA. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

Deaths

Edenfield, Mary, 73, February 17, 1991. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Myerstown, PA. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

Haller, Wesley, 68, June 5, 1991. He had served the Grace Brethren Church of Middlebranch, OH, from 1954 to 1969, and again from 1983 to the present. He had served the Lord in pastorates for forty years. Pastors who participated in the memorial service were: Terry Taylor (Canton), Bud Olszewski (Rittman), and Ron Boehm (Macedonia).

Hartman, Mabel, 96, went home to be with the Lord on March 9, 1991. She was the oldest member of the Grace Brethren Church of Myerstown, PA. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

Latham, Vernon, 68, July 5, 1991. For many years Vernon had served on the Grace Brethren Construction Company erecting churches for the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. He was presently in Kokomo, IN, superintending the erection of an addition to the North Kokomo Grace Brethren Church. A memorial service was conducted in Okeechobee, FL, and a graveside service in Orlando, FL.

Shope, Janet, 74, December 19, 1990. She was a charter and very active member of the Grace Brethren Church of Vandalia, OH.

Stronach, Roy, 84, February 22, 1991. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Myerstown, PA. Associate pastor, R. Paul Miller, officiated at the memorial service. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

Tschetter, Wilma Kay, June 21, 1991. She was the daughter of Paul and Mary Tschetter and sister of Missionary Evelyn Tschetter. She had suffered from a brain tumor for the past year. Burial was in Kansas.

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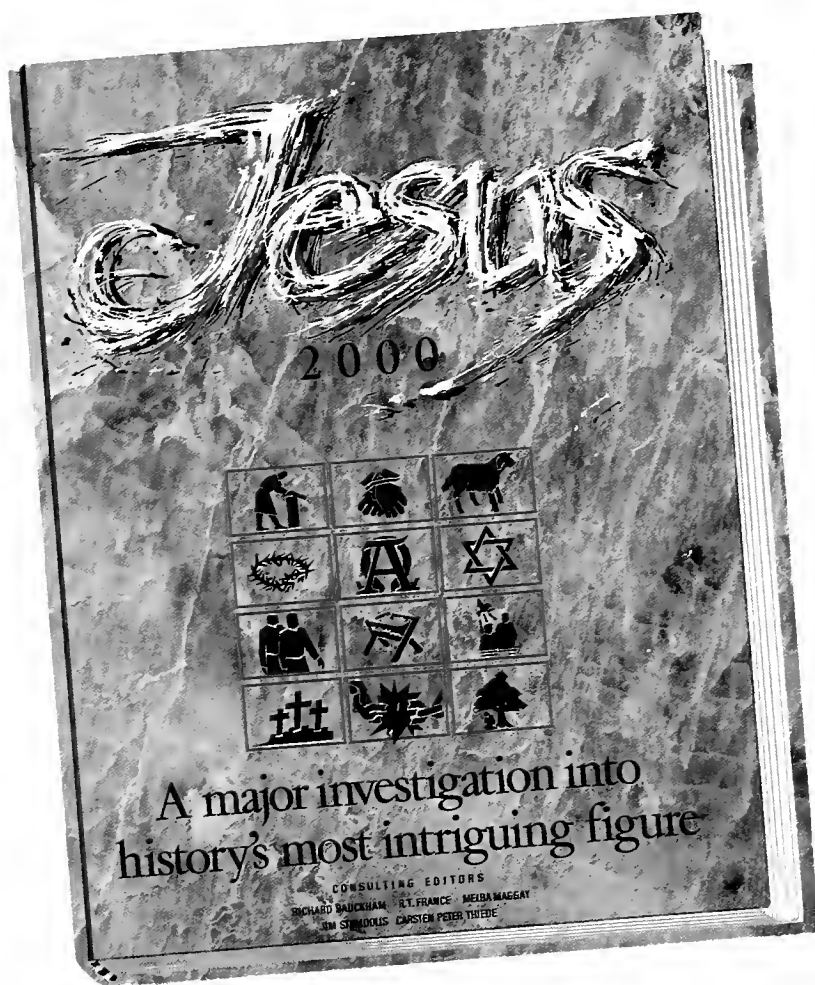
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I read a strange statement the other day and the more I thought about it the stranger it became. "People are dying who never died before. It's getting lonely at the top of the tree." This quote came from Dorothy Donegan at the age of 68 as she learned that another one of her friends had died. There is a lot of truth in the statement. I had never heard it explained that way before.

George Gallup passed along this quote. "If Christianity were to die, sooner or later it might affect the Church." This researcher of Americans and their religious beliefs and practices is strange and perhaps a bit too close to the truth.

Here is another quote from the field of sports, where there is a lot of praying done on Sunday mornings and afternoons. Their theology and purpose of prayer I will leave up to you to decide. The centerfielder for the Los Angeles Dodgers said, "See, a lot of people do not understand, . . . but the fact of the matter is that if Christ was a player, He'd be the best there is. He would knock the guy down at second base and pick him up and say 'I love you.' He'd be the best pitcher. He'd come inside to push the guy back off the plate. He'd do all the things a ballplayer does, okay, without sinning. You can play baseball as hard as you can without sin."

Again, the theological implications of each of the worldly words of wisdom mentioned thus far have some ele-

ments of truth but they may leave you a little cold. They are samples of what everyone, saved or unsaved, encounters each day. The opinions come to us by way of newspapers, radio, TV talk shows and the philosophic words of friends.

It is said that the most repeated Bible verse is, "God helps those who help themselves." As you know there is a problem with this because it is not found in the Bible. When something is repeated often enough people generally are willing to accept it as truth.

This brings up the purpose of this little dissertation. There is a great need to be exposed to the Bible, to learn what it says and discover what we need to do. An oft repeated complaint is that we are raising a generation of Bible illiterates. The tendency to respond to sound rather than truth may be close to reality. The noise of action evokes a response from us. It is difficult to get away from the radio, the cassette player, the boom box and the television.

We are being instructed to feel more than to think and analyze. Relationships with people have become more important than our relationship to God. Is it any wonder we are hearing strange messages and finding it more difficult to hear the message of the Scriptures? The words of the Bible do sound strange to the unsaved, but it becomes very serious when the same words sound strange to the church.



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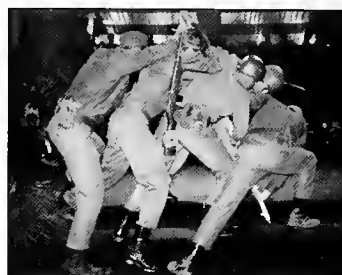
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As enacted August 1, 1986

After considerable discussion on the Brethren Missionary Herald Board a new emphasis of direction for our magazine was established by the following motion:

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3. The content of the BMH magazine is determined by the Executive Editor under guidelines established by the BMH Board of Trustees. It is not the organ of any single interest, but seeks to serve the general interests of the entire FGBC in pursuing its Scriptural goals.

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REPORT ON NATIONAL CONFERENCE

by Charles Ashman

The Annual Conference of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches was held from Thursday, July 25, to Thursday, August 1, at the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, Ohio. The host church, Pastor Jim Custer and his people, did a marvelous job in providing grand facilities and a most warm welcome to all conference attenders. Their regular church staff and host of volunteers spent numberless hours arranging for our every need—the meeting and exhibit space, marvelous music programs, housing, food service, hospitality, tours, a very large communion service and a myriad of other details.

Pastor Jerry Young, our Moderator, led us in what many have called “the best conference we have had in years.” Some said it was the best ever. The spirit was good. The atmosphere was electric with praise and hope. The program began with the two day Church Leadership Seminar coordinated by Pastor Bernie Simmons and featured Dr. Elmer Towns and Bill Hull as well as many workshop leaders. There were 370 registrants for this seminar. Saturday evening the host church choir and orchestra, under the direction of Randy Kettering, presented a concert titled “The Story” to almost 1,300 inspired worshipers. On Sunday morning, in duplicate services, our moderator presented his message, “Having Hope,” in which he emphasized the need in our Fellowship of commitment to the Word of God, to each other and to the hope that is ours in Christ.

On Sunday evening in a great missions rally, 1,350 were challenged by our home and foreign mission agencies and missionaries to have a great evangelistic outreach vision for the '90s both at home and abroad.

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday were days committed to group meetings: focus on Missions Bible Hours in the morning, organizational meetings (WMC, GB Men, GB Ministers) and business meetings. One of the thrilling experiences of conference business was the acceptance of seven new churches into the Fellowship: the Happy Valley Grace Brethren Church of State College, PA; the Rocky Ridge Grace Brethren Church of New Albany, OH; the Liberty Grace Brethren Church of Philadelphia, PA; the New Life Community Grace Brethren Church of Souderton, PA; the Fellowship Grace Brethren Church of Richmond, VA; and the New Life Grace Brethren Church of Orange County, Cyprus, CA. Representing our F.G.B.C. churches in the business sessions were 764 delegates, 452 lay and 312 ministerial.

Monday evening the Columbus people hosted an all conference communion service in which nearly 1,300 Grace Brethren people experienced the special joy of worshipping together in a Columbus style threefold communion service. Tuesday evening the conference attenders shared in a praise service. Wednesday featured something new at conference—over 450 attended a prayer breakfast sponsored by the major F.G.B.C. Cooperating Corporations. On Thursday evening the program was climaxed in a very moving patriotic service in which Colonel David Peterson, the chaplain in charge during the Gulf Operation, gave a stirring message and the musicians of the host church presented a heart moving concert entitled “America” for a finale to an audience of over 2,000 people.

***Dr. David Plaster will be moderating
next year's conference, August 1-6, in Winona Lake, Indiana.
Rev. Bill Snell has been elected as moderator-elect
and will service the national conference in 1993.***

Honors to Our Chaplains

Delegates and guests enjoyed a spectacular patriotic rally on the concluding night of the annual conference of the FGBC in Columbus. The program featured six military chaplains with special emphasis on three men who ministered faithfully and well in the Middle East during operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Captains Phil Spence and Charles Card (Army) and Lt. Colonel Jim Elwell (Air Force) were presented with gifts in recognition of their significant spiritual ministry to military



A scene from the Patriotic Rally held at the national Conference.

personnel in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Iraq. Assisting in the presentation were two Army Chaplains, Colonel Orville Lorenz (retired) and Colonel John Schumacher. The sixth military representative was Army Colonel David Peterson who was the special speaker for the occasion. Colonel Peterson was the chief chaplain on General Schwartzkopf's staff during Desert Storm.

Executive Director Larry Chamberlain had previously presented plaques to the three chaplains, acknowledging their service in the Persian Gulf. These gifts were given on behalf of the Eagle Commission, a strategic support group which provides encouragement to the military chaplains of the Fellowship.

"Ministry In Harm's Way," a twelve-minute video, was premiered at the rally in the Worship Center of the Columbus Grace Brethren



L to R: Col. Lorenz, Col. Schumacher, the Phil Spence family, Lt. Col. Jim Elwell, Capt. Charles Card, and Larry Chamberlain.

Church. The tape included excerpts from interviews with Chaplains Card, Elwell, and Spence, and highlighted their reaction to the ministry opportunities God had given during the months of preparation and the several days of actual combat.

In conclusion, an opportunity was presented to the audience to become a part of the Eagle Commission. The monthly contribution of \$15 provides funds for the Chaplain Endorsing Agent's office (ably administered by retired Navy Chaplain Lee Jenkins), travel expenses for chaplains attending the FGBC National Conference or other denominational meetings, and regular communication with military personnel. Chaplains' salaries, of course, are cared for by the U.S. government.



Col. David Peterson

Readers who are interested either in a one-time gift or in becoming a member should contact the Eagle Commission, P.O. Box 587, Winona Lake, IN 46590. For new members, an hour-long expanded version of the video tape shown at Conference is available upon request. In any case, please do remember in regular prayer the nine active duty Grace Brethren chaplains.

Galegor Appointment

Executive Director Larry Chamberlain has announced the appointment of Rev. Steve Galegor as Director of Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries in Counselor, New Mexico. Steve has served as Assistant Superintendent at the Mission for two years. He and his wife, Chris, and two daughters moved to New Mexico in 1989 from Milford, Indiana. Steve had been the accountant at the home office of Grace Brethren Home Missions for several years prior to the move.

Mr. Galegor succeeds Larry Wedertz who, with his wife Jonnie Lou, served at the Mission for thirty-three years, the last twenty-five as superintendent. Mr. Wedertz submitted his resignation last spring but continues to help in the transition of leadership.

A graduate of Central State University, Edmond, Oklahoma, and Grace Theological



Steve and Chris Galegor

Seminary, Rev. Galegor is well trained in business as well as in pastoral ministry. During a year's leave of absence for Mr. Wedertz, Steve assumed the director's responsibility for the Mission which includes a school of 110-115 students and three Navajo churches.

Focus '92

Grace Brethren Home Missions is cooperating with other national organizations in the FGBC to sponsor one-day seminars promoting personal evangelism in our churches in an effort to implement one of the objectives of our Fellowship's Masterplan: to encourage personal evangelism and discipleship.

A team of leaders from Home and Foreign Missions, Grace Schools, CE National, and Brethren Evangelistic Ministries will lead these seminars in Ohio at: Brookville (September 28), Delaware (October 26), and Wooster, November 2. Pastors and church leaders are invited to participate for encouragement, motivation, and the challenge of reaching their communities for Christ.

News Briefs

- Pastor Robert Combs, Norton, Ohio, and Mr. Robert Bryant, Richmond, Virginia, were elected to three-year terms on the Board of Directors of the GBHMC. Re-elected also were incumbents, Dr. Luke Kauffman, Myerstown, Pennsylvania, and Mr. Mark Curtis, Long Beach, California.
- New Life Community Grace Brethren Church, Pastor David Allem, was adopted as a Home Mission point at the July meeting of the Board of Directors. The church, which began last Easter, is an outreach of the Penn Valley GBC in Telford, PA. The new work is located in Montgomery Township in the Greater Philadelphia area.
- Three former Home Mission points have concluded their ministries with decisions by the congregations to dissolve. The church near Austin, Texas, closed in mid-July. Pastor Fenton McDonald has moved to Mabton, Washington, where he has assumed the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church there.

- The church in Charlotte, North Carolina, closed at the end of July. Pastor Steve Howell is open to another ministry. Pastor Jim Jackson, formerly at the Columbia, South Carolina, church, has accepted the pastorate of a new GBC in Vancouver, Washington. The Columbia church concluded its services in mid-August.



Howell family



Lorrie and Lyle Sweeney

- Pastor Lyle Sweeney, formerly of the Johnstown, Pennsylvania, area (Pike GBC), has moved with his family to the Dallas-Ft. Worth area where he has become pastor of the Grace Fellowship GBC in Hurst, Texas.

WMC President's Message at National Conference

I have completed my third year as National President of the Women's Missionary Council and if I am to be a good steward, I must evaluate my leadership and ask: "Where have we been? Where are we now? And where are we going?"

Recently I did a study of the past 15 years in WMC and discovered some interesting statistics. Our peak year in the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches was 1983 when we had 43,000 members, 307 churches, 269 Women's Missionary Councils and 4,800 WMC members. Last year, though the number of churches increased to 319, the total membership decreased to 39,000 and WMC membership fell 27% from 1983. However, WMC per capita giving increased: 1983—\$16.08; 1991—\$23.38 per member.

I think we can justifiably conclude that we are experiencing difficult times in our fellowship as well as in our beloved Women's Missionary Council.

On the positive side, in the past five years we have been blessed with probably some of the finest program packets that WMC has ever produced. Our thanks to Janet Minnix and her fine program packet committee members. From the warm fuzzies to the friendship Bible studies we were reminded of God's unfailing love.

The Executive Board is composed of self-starters who work faithfully and skillfully in their specific area. I look forward to meeting with them twice a year because the fellowship is sweet, fun and refreshing. The unity of purpose is so obvious as we hammer out solutions to difficult problems!

The National Board comprised of District Presidents (as well as the Executive Board) are ladies who work hard in their individual districts to encourage the local presidents in the ministry of missions. We have so many qualified ladies in our fellowship. I wish you could hear our district presidents' reports on the many things accomplished on the local and district levels.

I want to commend each one of you as members of WMC for your faithful ministries. Including the national offerings, you contributed \$82,583 toward special projects in Home and Foreign Missions, CE National, Grace Schools and the Board of Evangelism. I haven't begun to mention all of the things you do in your local churches. One pastor wrote to me recently, "Our church ministries would greatly suffer without the help of our local WMC."



Mrs. Betty Ogden

Our missionaries spur us on with their devotion and dedication. In her letter, Rosa Churchill from Mexico (one of our WMC Missionaries of the Year) wrote, "Thank you for your special support gift as well as the extra prayer and love directed our way during this year."

Gloria Mendez, church treasurer of the Spanish work in Mabton, Washington, writes, "Thank you for your gift. The ministry is expanding. A youth group of about twenty is meeting in our home in Grandview, Washington. Several families have accepted Christ within the last month. With help from many like you, we are sure the Lord will be exalted!"

James Bowling at Grace College expressed heart-felt thanks for our financial assistance for the Teacher Education Computer Lab.

Another positive note of rejoicing—James Johnson, Director of Grace Brethren Investment Foundation, sent us a check for \$2,000 after last year's conference from the Board of Directors in recognition of the many organizations that WMC has supported through the years. In closing, Mr. Johnson said, "God bless you in your vital work. Please accept this gift with our love and admiration."

Our biggest challenge is "Where Are We Going?" This question led me to write a three-page letter to the Executive Board in early June suggesting a study committee for WMC to update our procedures and help us reach younger women. The make-up of many of our councils is women 50 years old and above, and if WMC is to have a future, we need to make some

bold decisions.

Church growth specialists suggest dramatic changes if we are to reach younger adults. The "baby-boomers" have little institutional loyalty—they must be challenged by a great cause. They have a great need for relationships. We need to develop loyalties around fellowship and ministering.

Christian women in the '90s are faced with the greatest opportunities and the greatest peril. Throughout church history periods of heresy, apathy and ignorance have been both times of danger and opportunity; opportunity to declare the full counsel of God—to confront a new age with an old message.

Are you startled, as I am, by the moral and ethical bankruptcy that exists even in the evangelical church today and at the subtle worldliness that has rendered the evangelical community virtually impotent?

The secularization of the church has been masked by its "practicality." The master strategy of Satan is his deception. We have been deceived to believe in programs rather than in the power of the Spirit. We can get women to come to a color analysis program, aerobic classes to firm and trim, health and diet lectures, craft classes and basket weaving, painting, ceramics, quilting and swim exercise classes. Getting together is great fun and is enjoyable, but we are body, soul and spirit (1 Peter 3:3-4). What part gets the most attention? Proverbs 31:30 says, "Charm and grace are deceptive and beauty is not lasting, but a woman who reverently fears the Lord, she shall be praised."

Are our priorities centered around our personal desires, self-improvement, the accumulation of things, or does Jesus Christ and the advancement of His Kingdom have first place in our lives?

I cannot speak to the women who are not attending WMC but I can speak to you. So I challenge you to recommit yourself to the twofold purpose of WMC:

1. To promote missions at home and abroad; and
2. To enrich your spiritual life through Bible study, prayer and personal witnessing.

The Scriptures offer a solution to the secularism we are so easily drawn into. In Philippians 3:30, Paul said, "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like Him in his death . . ." Paul's standard was not that of the society of his day—it was the Person of Jesus Christ.

Paul said in verse 13 he had to do two things: The first was "forgetting what is behind."

Paul said he had to forget those successes and failures of the past. All across the Roman world were churches that Paul had established—yet he refused to become complacent. Paul said he was in the race until God took him to Himself. Paul could have looked at what he had suffered and concluded he had done his part—he had endured enough.

Bless your heart, I trust you will never hear Betty Ogden say, "Well, I've served my time in WMC, I'm not going anymore." Or, "Don't ask me to teach a class of children. I had plenty of years of that." Unless my health prevents me, I want to serve Him until Jesus comes or He takes me home.

Two Sunday school teachers (Madge and Bertha) who had taught 35 years were given a retirement party and the Sunday school superintendent was extolling their dedication and commitment. He said, "I can just see Madge and Bertha in heaven with the little children gathered round them." Bertha said to Madge, "Good grief, won't they ever let us quit?"

The second thing Paul said he had to do was reach for those things before him.

There is failure in the Christian race because we forget the goal—the goal isn't the rocking chair; it isn't "serving time" like a prison sentence. The goal is to please Christ in our conformity to Him. "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" (Hebrews 12:1, 2).

Let's keep running the race. Invite ladies to WMC, sit with them, talk to them, make them feel welcome, make your meetings interesting. *Don't just read* the Bible study. If you have only one lady who can give a Bible study, have her do it each month. But most important, I trust your Women's Missionary Council will go forward on its knees. Pray for missionaries at home and abroad by name—pray at least for those that your church supports; read the newsletters they write; get to know one another; built relationships; encourage one another.

Let's keep running. The prize is before us. The race isn't over yet.

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The Way to Spiritual Power

by Glen Sheppard

The way to spiritual power involves a humble walk with God, Spirit-filled living, constant communion with God the Father and a close fellowship with God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. God the Father is seeking great intercessors. The believer never stands taller than when he kneels to pray and never moves closer to the heart of the Father than on his knees. Intercession is usually a hidden role. It is a role undervalued by most Christians who so often walk only superficially with God.

The only request the disciples ever made of the Master concerning instruction was in Luke 11:1, "Lord, teach us to pray." In Luke 18:1 the instruction is given that men ought always to pray and not lose heart. Throughout the entire Bible there is a list of great heroes of faith that are only explainable in light of their prayer partnership with the Heavenly Father. The same prayer partnership that was available to Moses, Elijah, David, Peter or Paul is available to you and me today. Acts 2:39 says, "The promise is for you and your children." That means that the same promise of God's power is available to each of us today. Just as those heroes of faith walked with God and moved the hand of God to affect human history and world evangelization so can we if we are willing to pay the price of prayer.

The great spiritual conquerors of history have been heroes who knelt to pray. They were willing to pray and then plan while we are busy planning and then pray. David Livingstone of Africa, John Knox of Scotland, John Wesley of England, or Martin Luther the Reformer, were all heroes who had learned the key to Spiritual Greatness. They were all great prayer giants.

David Livingstone died on his knees. John Knox fought and won the spiritual battle for Scotland on his knees. John Wesley preached for 54 years, traveled 5,000 miles per year on horseback, traveling a total of 290,000 miles in his lifetime, a distance of circling the earth twelve times. He averaged preaching fifteen sermons per week for 54 years and some secular historians credit him with having transformed England. But John Wesley was a man of prayer. He said, "God does nothing but in answer to prayer." He spent two hours each day in prayer.

All of God's saints were human like you and

me, but they were mighty in prayer. We will never be any greater than our prayer life. We will never stand taller than when we kneel to pray. Anyone can be great in prayer in spite of all else if he/she is willing to walk with God in humility, live in the fullness of the Holy Spirit, develop constant communion with God the Father and have a close fellowship with God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

If Moses could be one of the world's greatest intercessors and Elijah could be counted by God as one of earth's greatest prayer warriors and David could overcome his background of adultery and murder to be known as a man after God's own heart, each of us can be a close friend of God the Father if we are willing to give ourselves to communion and intercession. We can determine by God's grace to give priority to prayer in new and specific ways. We can form good prayer habits. We can learn to discipline our time and begin to schedule time for prayer. We can redeem moments throughout the day and give them to prayer if our hearts are hungry enough for close fellowship with Holy God.

To begin this new dimension of prayer we must constantly seek God's face. We must pay the price of priority time. God calls us today to unite our hearts and lives together in prayer for His Kingdom to come, His Will to be done on earth as it is being done in Heaven. God's heart is turned toward World Evangelization. He is calling believers throughout the entire earth to a new movement of prayer. Join me in taking that step today and becoming an intercessor for the evangelization of the whole earth. Make some time today your prayer time. Make some place your prayer place. Should we settle for less when the same promise which was for Moses, Elijah, David, Peter, Paul, Livingstone, Knox, Wesley or Luther is the very same promise for us this very day?

"LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY."

Glen Sheppard is Senior Associate for Prayer for the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization. Reprinted from World Evangelization, Volume 13 No. 48 September-October 1987. Used by permission.

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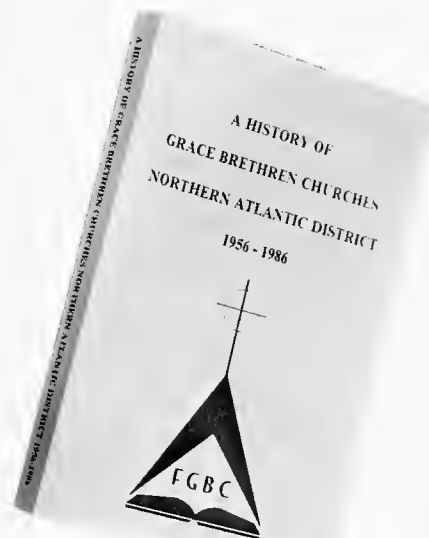
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Why Me?

by Fran Fredericks

Why me?, I mused, as I sat reflecting on the darker side of my circumstances. Of course, that "why me?" question was backed up with all that seems so terribly hard for me right now . . . lately things seem to have all gone askew. The things I love to do and had fondly planned are now removed utterly beyond my reach. This year began with the death of my mother, the loss of my dearest German girlfriend, personal struggles of a body that's aging and waves of soul searching and longing. These things are magnified by living in another culture. I thought, Why me?

That little verse keeps popping into my head "If any man would come after me let him deny himself." I often ask myself: *IF?* Have I such a purpose, to follow Jesus blindly, utterly, regardless of what it might be, as the days come and go? I am sure that the Lord gives thought to each of us, studying our lives, longing to carry out His plan . . . if He could only get permission, and He is sorely disappointed in many of us. In the same split second as the thought flashed through my mind, "Why me?", the question of "Why NOT me?" reverberated in my head. Can you possibly hear the absolute . . . thud . . . which that reverse question had as it hit? "Why NOT me?"

I began to think: If the Lord had published a want ad describing the exact circumstances in which I am now living, would I be willing to accept the job? Would I willingly apply? The biblical word for this is probably "obedience". Paul said in Acts 20:24 "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God." Jesus knew his job description: no reputation, service, humility . . . even unto death (Phil. 2:5-8).

Are these the success career goals that one envisions for life? If not, then let me say very kindly, but very plainly, our lives thus far are a failure. Well, things may be moving smoothly in the church or business and the family may be growing up as we had hoped. But in the mainstream of heart and character in the individual life, we have failed utterly. Men and women of

God have been able to give themselves in obedience throughout the ages because of a confidence in God, believing in His overruling power (both in the things which are seen and unseen), trusting in His unfailing love, and resting in His sovereign wisdom—even in the midst of the darkness of His mysteries yet unrevealed.

Where do I go to apply for my job description for today? I "apply" by willingly confessing and putting out of my life what displeases Him, no matter what that may be. I "apply" by tarrying in His presence daily through His Word and prayer. I "apply" by allowing the Holy Spirit to take full possession of me and to maintain a loving, but absolute, monopoly in *all* my circumstances. I "apply" by going, as Jesus has asked me to, to serve others.

I once read of an account told of a foreign mission where the work had ended in a certain outpost because the workers were all killed by the local residents. When all the other missionaries of that land were gathered together and were asked, "Who will go to retake the work left vacant?", every single hand in the room immediately was lifted . . . lifted in a "Why NOT me!"

And in old age, when others fade,
They fruit still forth shall bring;
They shall be fat, and full of sap,
And aye be flourishing.

(Unknown author: adapted from Psalm 92:14)



Fran Fredericks (lower center in photo above), her husband Jim and their four children serve as missionaries in Calw, West Germany with Grace Brethren Foreign Missions.

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NEWS UPDATE

Robert Clouse, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Clay City, IN, has received an excellent report after his checkup for his heart transplant on July 8, 1985. Both Robert and Bonnidell are praising the Lord for all the new medical technology and would like "to publicly thank God for six more years of life."

The Calvary Bible Church of Austin, TX, has been closed.

Jay Fretz will become the new pastor of the Maranatha Brethren Church, Hagerstown, MD, as of October 1, 1991.

The Grace Brethren Church of Charlotte, NC, has been closed.

Scott Franchino has returned to Alaska to become the youth pastor of the Peninsula Grace Brethren Church, Soldotna, AK.

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Brown, James. His telephone is: 215/332-0189. He is pastoring the new Crossroads Grace Brethren Church near Philadelphia, PA.

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Townsend, Kenneth. P.O. Box 5413, Central Point, OR 97502-5413.

Webb, Tony. 3804 Devton Dr., Columbus, OH 43228. He is the new pastor of the Southwest Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, OH.

The Tri-County Grace Brethren Church address is: P.O. Box 328, Royersford, PA 19468-0328.

Weddings

Darr: Vonda Williamson and Michael Darr were married on June 22, 1991, in Maple Plain, MN. Shimer Darr, grandfather of Michael, performed the ceremony. (Submitted by the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church. John Teevan, pastor.)

Frank: Traci Chamberlain and Kelly Frank were married on May 19, 1991, at the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, IN. Traci is the daughter of the Larry Chamberlains. John Teevan, pastor.

Montz: Mary Lou Hummel and Matthew Montz were united in marriage May 25, 1991, at the Grace Brethren Church, Homerville, OH. Robert Holmes, pastor.

Owen: Laurie Davis and Randy Owen were married on July 20, 1991, at the Grace Village Chapel, Winona Lake, IN. (Submitted by the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, IN. John Teevan, pastor.)

Silveus: Cynthia Harrell and Scott Silveus were married on July 27, 1991, at the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, IN. The ceremony was performed by Mark Penfold. John Teevan, pastor.

Stark: Cindy Zimmerman and Lee Stark were married on June 22, 1991, at the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, IN. John Teevan, pastor.

Wonders: Sharon Allebach and Richard Wonders, Jr., were united in marriage on May 25, 1991, at the Mt. Calvary Church in Elizabethtown, PA. Sharon's father (Pastor Jerry Allebach, Palmyra, PA) and Rich's pastor (Dan White, York, PA) officiated at the ceremony. (Submitted by Dan White, York, PA.)

Deaths:

Andrew, Ray, 80, May 11, 1991. He was a faithful member of the Leon Brethren Church, Leon, IA. Russell Betz, pastor.

Messner, Richard, 61, July 9, 1991. A memorial service was held at Huntersville, NC. Stephen Howell was in charge of the service assisted by Bob Messner. Dick was associated with Grace Schools for 28 years.

Mrs. Dixon

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It was written of the godly Abel that "He being dead, yet speaketh." Mrs. Dixon is greatly missed and deeply mourned, but she too will live on in the multitude of lives that were touched by hers and were changed forever.

Her children, Richard, Paula, Paul, James, Peter and Deborah (and 22 grandchildren) rise up and call her blessed . . . her husband also, and he praiseth her (Proverbs 31).

Dean I. Walter, Associate Pastor, GBC of Greater Washington

Dorothy B. Dixon

June 1, 1921-June 9, 1991

"She walked so close to her Lord that when the accident happened, she just kept walking with only the slightest change of pace." This quotation from Mrs. Dorothy Dixon's memorial service on July 12 links her with that rare group of saints of all ages who, like Enoch, "walked with God and was not, for God took him."

Dorothy Dixon, wife of Pastor James G. Dixon, Jr., of the GBC of Greater Washington, had just observed her 70th birthday on June 1. On the following Saturday, her family and a group of close friends had gathered for a surprise late-birthday luncheon in her honor. Tributes from her husband of 50 years, her children and associates were eloquent in their praise of her gracious Christian spirit that flourished in the care of all who came under her influence. It was remarked that some private schools have their Mother Superiors, but Grace Brethren Christian Schools, which she founded, had a Superior Mother. Younger pastors and their wives also attested that she had been a second mother and a spiritual guide to them.

After the tributes and the singing of some of her favorite hymns, Pastor Dixon whispered in her ear. "Well, Dorothy, you have just attended your own memorial service." She responded that she never had anything happen to her that thrilled her more. The next evening, on her way with family members to the seashore 100 miles away, she stepped softly onto another shore that no one dreamed was so close! An oncoming car had crashed into the vehicle in which she was riding (the driver of the oncoming car was killed instantly).

Mrs. Dixon had hoped that she might live to be caught up to be with her Lord "in a moment . . . in the twinkling of an eye." And while God's program for our age did not allow for that, it was as close to that reality as anything short of the Rapture could have been. She had just enough time to throw her garment of care around her loved ones for the last time. She saw that all were alive . . . and she asked about their welfare. Her last bit of earthly energy was spent caring for others. A few minutes later on the Medivac helicopter, she soared Heavenward, leaving her "outgrown shell" behind.

Poor health had plagued Mrs. Dixon the last several years of her life. Bronchial difficulties and all the attendant side effects had all but squeezed her breath from her body, but like the Apostle Paul, she accepted her thorn in the flesh, knowing that in weakness she could be strong for Christ. Hers was a triumph of faith to match the heroes of Hebrews 11, and no one could have observed her faithfulness without being impressed by this "evidence of things unseen."

Mrs. Dixon was born in Albert Lea, Minnesota, and raised in Wichita, Kansas, where her parents,



Dorothy B. Dixon

Peter and Elsie Hoidale, now in their nineties, and her sister, Gwendolyn, still reside. The Dixons would have been married 50 years in August. Their families and friends had planned to honor them on their Golden Anniversary with special ceremonies at the Temple Hills Church. This also marks their 50th year in the Christian ministry, the greater part of which was carried out in the Washington, D.C., area. They came to Washington's First Brethren Church in 1951, and established the GBC of Greater Washington in suburban Maryland in 1962.

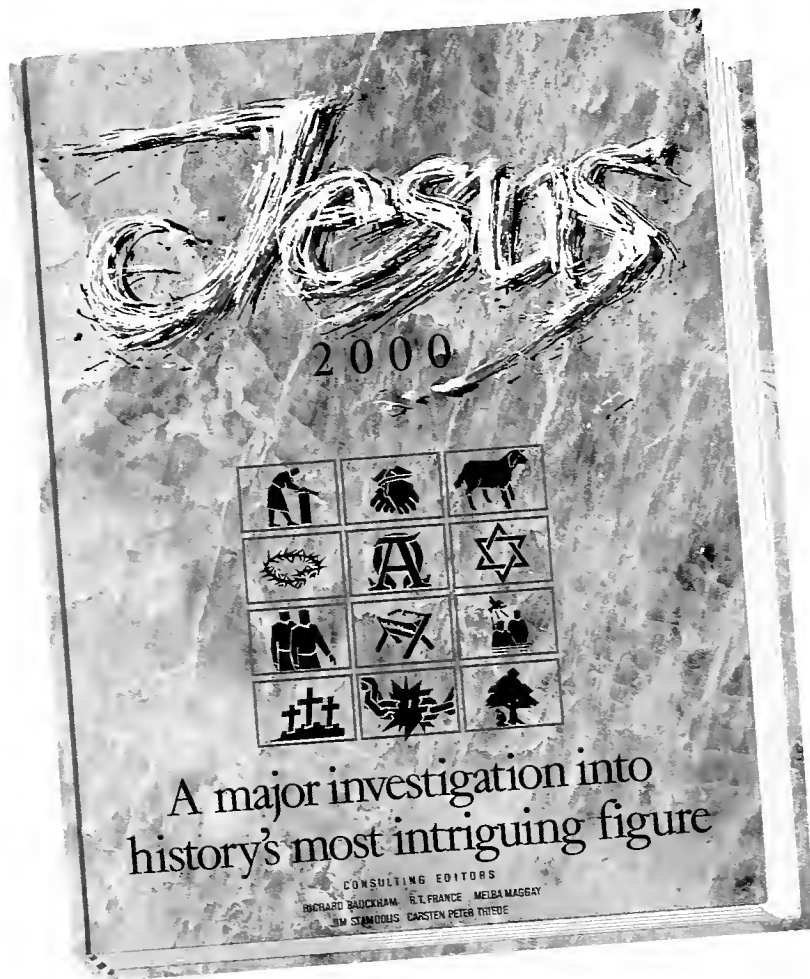
The years at Temple Hills were fruitful years for the Dixons, and although Mrs. Dixon had no thought of starting a school, the needs of the church family for day care moved her into this good work in 1965. Year after year another grade was added until the 12th grade level was reached. Enrollments increased steadily until currently over one thousand students attend at four different campus locations. It has been rumored that some children got into trouble on purpose so that they would be sent to the Director's Office and could sit on Mrs. Dixon's lap for motherly instruction. She was dearly loved by the students and highly respected in the academic community. She retired as Director on December 31, 1986, after which she became Director Emeritus and continued as a consultant until her death.

Eloquent witness was given to the impact of her life on the community by the large number of people who attended her memorial services, coming to pay tribute to this capable and gracious lady. The memorial service on June 12 followed closely the format of her birthday observance that she had attended four days before. The same songs were sung and many of the same people took part. In addition to those tributes, James Dixon III read excerpts from his mother's manuscript of a devotional book which the family plans to publish soon.

Mrs. Dixon was buried in a family plot in Wichita on Monday, June 17, with Pastor conducting the brief service there.

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Each year several of my favorite business magazines flaunt themselves by revealing what they've discovered about the private lives of a number of individuals. The goal is to find the richest people in the world or perhaps limit it to our own United States. More copies of these special issues of *Fortune* and *Forbes* magazines are sold each year than any other single issue. Nearly everyone seems to be interested in the private lives of this select group. The magazines had defined this group to be millionaires at one time, but now with soaring inflation they are the billionaires.

The list has been released for this year and again there is a Mr. Turner in the group. His name is Ted. He made it in the ranks with a modest \$1,200,000,000 which is a mere two hundred million dollars more than is needed to qualify. In the lead is a fellow from Brunei who owns \$32,000,000,000. His name is Sultan Hjai Hassanal Bolkiah Muizzaddin Waddaulah. With a name like this he must be better than Smuckers! This Sultan boasts a number of oil wells. He also loves Polo and offers air-conditioned stables for his ponies.¹

Uncle Ted Turner has been endeared to us as the mouth of the south. It appears that CNN and all that the media business entails has been good to him. I too am in a Turner clan and have been in the media business for more than twenty years, but my name isn't on this most impressive list. I have been informed that Ted has done well because of his superb news coverage on wars. Well, Ted has no real advantage over me, after all I offer coverage on the Brethren! So there must be some other explanation for Ted Turner's wealth.

Why are we so fascinated with such great sums of money? Be-

ing rich is often discouraged by our churches, yet most people know the name of the *Reader's Digest* contest that promises \$10,000,000. The contest runs for about five years and then goes through twenty-seven different phases of offering thousands of products for sale before any funds can be given away.

There is also the Clearing House Sweepstakes that gives away a million dollars here and a million there. There is more than a passing interest in these mailings. By definition becoming rich is a difficult goal to achieve. It is the nature of mankind to crave more and, may I add, it is the fallen nature that cannot be satisfied. No, neither my name or yours is on the list of the rich. But I trust it is written in the book where the values cannot be measured by a worldly means of dollars and cents.

There is an old gospel song which says, "... is my name written there on the page white and fair? In the book of the kingdom, is my name written there? Lord, I care not for riches. Neither silver nor gold; I would make sure of heaven, I would enter the fold. In the book of thy kingdom With its pages so fair. Tell me, Jesus, my Saviour, Is my name written there? Lord, my sins are many. Like the sands of the sea, but thy blood, O my Saviour, Is sufficient for me: For thy promise is written, in bright letters that glow 'Though your sins be as scarlet, I will make them like snow.' Oh, that beautiful city With its mansions of light, with its glorified beings in pure garments of white! Where no evil thing cometh To despoil what is fair, Where the angels are watching. Yes, my name's written there. Yes, my name's written there. On the page white and fair, in the book of Thy kingdom. Yes, my name's written there."²



Is My Name

Written

There?

No and Yes!

by Charles W. Turner

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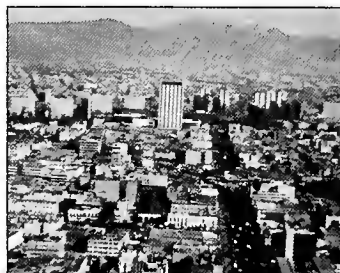
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After considerable discussion on the Brethren Missionary Herald Board a new emphasis of direction for our magazine was established by the following motion:

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A VISION for the VIOLENT City

Go To That Great City is the theme of the Grace Conference on Mission (Oct. 29–Nov. 1). The focus on urban missions reflects the heartbeat of Jay Bell, GBFM Church Relations Coordinator and this year's conference keynote speaker.

Jay is a native of Los Angeles. Though he now resides in quiet Winona Lake, his heart is still in the frantic bustle of the city. Jay's vision is for the city because he believes that is where God is working today. "We have become an urbanized world," states Jay. "We have gone from a world of countries to a world of interconnected multi-cultural cities."

"Cities," continues Jay with enthusiasm, "are like giant magnets pulling people out of villages and tribes and countries and rural areas into a concrete jungle." Today, 250 cities boast one million citizens. By the year 2000 almost 1,000 cities around the world will have populations exceeding one million. Mexico City, the largest city in the world with over 20 million people, increases by one million people a year. "It is mind boggling what God is doing in His world," observes Jay.

Jay has a love-hate relationship with the city. Traffic jams, smog, congestion, and long lines are disconcerting. The city is a difficult place to minister because it stretches one beyond his comfort zone.

The city is violent. In the Greater Los Angeles Area, there are approximately 600 street gangs with over 80,000 members. In 1988 over 800 homicides were recorded in L.A.

The city is ethnically diverse. Los Angeles contains the largest concentration of Mexican, Korean, Filipino, Vietnamese, Guatemalan, Sal-



Mexico City sprawls across the valley.

vadorean, and Cambodian people outside of their respective homelands. One hundred and four language groups are represented in L.A. schools.

The city is spiritually complex. "I saw a picture on the front page of the Orange County Register showing 6,000 Muslims in Mile Square Park on their knees bowing east to Mecca," relates Jay. "L.A. hosts the largest Hindu and Buddhist temples in the Western Hemisphere. God is bringing the religions of the world to L.A."

Violence, ethnic diversity, and spiritual complexity can be found in every city around the globe. "The world," declares Jay, "is on our door-



Crowded streets in Lyon, France.

step. And that can be taken two ways: the city in our way as an obstacle, or the city in our way as an opportunity."

The city is where the people are. Jay loves the city. Why? He sees the world at our front door as an opportunity to share the gospel with people—all kinds of people. "When you cram people of different language, culture, food, dress, and religion into a compact area, barriers of tradition melt away leaving people open to new ideas," explains Jay. "The packaging of the Gospel needs to be accomplished in such a way that we become all things to all men, by all means, reaching them for Christ." Violent gang members need Christ, Cambodian refugees need Christ, Muslims need Christ . . . as well as white Anglo-Saxons. They are all congregating in the cities of the world, waiting for the Truth.

"The Bible records Jesus being moved to tears on two occasions," Jay says. "The first was at the death of his dear friend Lazarus, and the second was over a city! The incarnate God, the God in human flesh, wept over a city! It has been said, 'Don't sing to me *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*, until I have a friend in you.'"

GBFM is planting churches in cities around the world. Grace Brethren missionaries are pro-

claiming Christ to people in Tokyo, Manila, Buenos Aires, Lyon, Stuttgart and other world class cities. But who will go to Prague, Berlin, Moscow . . . ? More workers are needed, for the task is great. Roger Peugh, Mission Conference Coordinator, desires that the conference will deeply move students to get involved in the inner city. Any large city in America provides numerous cross-cultural mission opportunities. "Then the word of the Lord came . . . Go to that great city and proclaim to it the message I give you" (Jonah 3:1-2).



People flood across a street in Tokyo.

MISSION CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Alex Montoya, pastor of the First Fundamental Bible Church of Monterey Park, Los Angeles, will also be challenging students with his heart for the city. The First Fundamental Bible Church, one of many churches planted by Alex in the L.A. area, has a strong ministry in the Hispanic community. Founder and President of the Southern California School of Ministry, Alex's vision is for the evangelization of the city. He will bring a strong challenge to the Grace student body.

Workshops dealing with various mission-related topics will be offered on Thursday, October 31. Later that day, Grace students will host the Halloween Alternative, a community service and outreach activity held on campus.

1991-1992 WMC Officers

President—Mrs. Russell (Betty)

Ogden: Betty is a pastor's wife and a member of the GBC of Lanham, MD, for the past sixteen years. She has served as National President for three years, Assistant Secretary for two years, Secretary for one year, District President, Vice President, Secretary, and SMM Leader. She taught in junior and senior high school in the public school system for fourteen years. In 1975 she, along with her husband, helped found the Lanham Christian School, where she continues to work in administrative areas. She has four children and seventeen grandchildren. She has taught ladies' Bible studies, seminars, and retreats. A highlight in ministry is her annual visit to a mountain village in Haiti where she conducts women's seminars.

First Vice President—Mrs. Tom

(Geneva) Inman: Geneva is a pastor's wife and member of the GBC of Colorado Springs, CO, for the past twenty-one years. She has served as National First Vice President, Assistant Secretary and Assistant to the Financial Secretary-Treasurer. In District WMC she is currently the president and has served continuously in various offices through the years. Locally, she is involved in both WMC and SMM. Geneva is a second grade teacher, the mother of four children and has three grandchildren.

Second Vice President—Mrs.

Odell (Janet) Minnix: Janet served on the Program Packet Committee for three years before becoming Program Chairman. She has also been District Program Chairman and has held offices in her local WMC, including President. She is a member of the Ghent GBC in Roanoke, VA, where she is church organist. Her hobbies include reading and gardening. Janet and her husband have two sons.

Secretary—Mrs. Dan (Nancy)

Eshelman: Nancy is the pastor's

wife at the GBC of Elizabethtown, PA. After serving as her husband's secretary for most of their ministry, she is presently employed as a bookkeeper. She has served for two years as National Secretary, and in the past has served as National Assistant Secretary, District President, Project Chairman, and Editor, and has held several local WMC offices. She is the mother of four children.

Assistant Secretary—Mrs. John

(Lucy) Snow: Lucy is the pastor's wife at the GBC of Portis, KS. She has held various offices in local WMCs and presently serves as District Secretary and as National Assistant Secretary. For over twenty years she worked in clerical positions in banking and business firms, five of those years as an executive secretary. Her hobbies include counted stitchery and bicycling.

Financial Secretary-Treasurer—

Joyce Ashman: Joyce grew up in a pastor's home. She has been the National Treasurer since 1972. She is a member of the Winona Lake GBC, where she is a member of the choir as well as Choir Librarian and Sunday School Secretary. She serves as local WMC treasurer and is active in the Christian Women's Club. Her hobbies include bowling, crocheting, and watching sports.

Assistant to the Financial

Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Gary

(Martha) Tusing: Martha is a member of the Leesburg GBC of Leesburg, IN. She helps with the bookkeeping at her husband's business and sells real estate in the Warsaw area. She attended Grace College and is active in her local and district WMC. Local responsibilities have included most offices; currently she is Program Chairman. She has just completed a term as Indiana District President and has served as Project Chairman and Program Chairman in the past. She will be in charge of the Fall retreat for the dis-

trict this year. Martha and her husband have a daughter and son-in-law, and a granddaughter.

Literature Chairman—Mrs. Lillian

Teeter: Lillian was a pastor's wife for 34 years until her husband passed away eight years ago. She currently works as secretary at Grace Brethren Foreign Missions. Although she is a member of the Winona Lake GBC, she travels to Fort Wayne, IN, every Sunday to lead children's church at the GBC where her son-in-law is pastor. Her hobbies include cross stitch, knitting and reading. She has two daughters and four grandchildren.

Prayer Chairman—Mrs. Roger

(Nancy) Peugh: Nancy was a missionary in W. Germany from 1969 to 1989. There she worked with an "SMM type" ministry and with the women in the Stuttgart GBC. The Peughs moved to Winona Lake when Roger became the overseer of the Department of Missions at Grace Seminary. This school year he is also the Chaplain of Grace Schools. The Peughs attend the Winona Lake GBC where Nancy is actively involved in WMC as Prayer Chairman. She also leads a Precept Bible study with the wives of seminary students. They have four children: three sons (22, 20, and 15) and a five-year-old daughter.

Editor—Mrs. John (Viki) Rife: Viki spent most of her childhood in Argentina, where her parents were FGBC missionaries. She has taught junior and senior high school, and has also taught part time at Grace College. She currently serves as SMM Coordinator for her district and is a member of the National SMM Cabinet. At the Leesburg, IN, GBC, where she is a member, she serves as Recording Secretary, Amigas SMM leader, and WMC Missions Chairman, as well as assisting with the children's church ministry. The Rifes have three school-age children.

Dear Sisters in Christ:

As this program year winds down, I wanted you to know how much the friendship studies have meant to the Washington Heights WMC Council. I hope our experiences will be an encouragement to you to actively seek and develop new and lasting relationships.

I have seen a marked change in all our WMC members. It is hard to say what has contributed to our new attitudes. I like to think that it has been a combination of our friendship studies, "The Friendships of Women" study book, as well as our receptiveness to our pastor's teachings on evangelism.

I even have proof of our new openness and willingness to share with others.



Our ladies are continuously using their talents to strengthen and unify our council—one even went so far as to paint each member a friendship sweatshirt. Individually we are using daily opportunities to witness through friendships and many of our ladies have invited some of their unsaved friends and family members to attend our monthly meetings. Visitors keep coming and we keep sharing God's love and the message of salvation with some who have never heard it. Another outpouring of friendship was expressed at our annual Mother-Daughter Banquet. We had almost 65 mothers and daughters present for a fabulous seven-course meal and inspirational program

using the National WMC's suggested material. Most of those present did not attend our church and many did not attend any church at all, but they came and were introduced to God's people and His love.

This past year our Council also sponsored "WMC Night." We sent out invitations to every District officer and WMC president, as well as our entire church body (including the men). Many church members as well as ladies from two other local councils decided to worship with us and participate in our program. It was heartwarming to meet and fellowship with our own members as well as some of our friends we had not seen for a while.

In closing, I'd just like to encourage all ladies to remember what they have learned through the friendship studies. Keep making yourself available to others for God's glory. Don't ask God to put you somewhere other than just where you are *now*. Many years I prayed that my personal circumstances would change. I don't do that anymore. I took the advice offered by author Beverly Bush Smith and decided to "bloom where I'm planted." I challenge each person who reads this to remember you are where you are for a purpose. Use these circumstances to make a positive contribution in someone's life—be a friend and glorify God in the process.

Your friend,

Martha Franklin

Martha P. Franklin, President
Washington Heights Grace Brethren Church WMC
Roanoke, Virginia

God is Calling Us to *Revival*

by Armin R. Gesswein

Like a person searching for gold and not seeing a precious nugget in front of his eyes, churches are missing revival even while they are praying for it.

We miss it by *generalizing*: praying for "a great revival in our land." Or by *futurizing*: "When revival comes, mighty things will happen." At the same time we fail to heed Scripture which calls us to repentance—repentance which will bring awakening to our churches.

A minister friend related that he went to hear a man of God preach on revival. My friend was shaken when the preacher began, "We are not here tonight to pray for some big, general revival. We are here to be revived!" In that very hour renewal began in my friend, and God has used him in revival ministries ever since.

What appears consistently in the New Testament is that the local church is the basic unit for the major working of the Holy Spirit. The Church began this way in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost, and then other churches were started. No instruction from God is plainer than that which calls individual churches to repentance and renewal.

The problem is with our priorities. We procrastinate and postpone. Secondary things crowd out the primary things. We major in the minors. Desires get the better of holy disciplines.

Jesus counters all this with one plain and penetrating word: "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you," Matt. 6:33.

When we put first things first (repentance, returning to the "first love" and "first works"), the secondary things—which usually attract us—take their proper place.

God's call is not only to revival. It is a call to the praying which brings revival to our churches. God works in answer to prayer. This seems hard to learn and easy to forget.

Why is it that churches so seldom catch the grand vision of prayer which is on the heart of Jesus and his Church in the New Testament?

When Jesus built his Church, he built a prayer meeting—a praying congregation. That is the message written all through the book of Acts. Yet somehow we miss it. And we miss revival and the powerful working of the Holy Spirit. The world gets into our churches, and we get into the business of problem-solving instead of life-changing.

I once read a book titled *Nine Bad Shots of Golf and What to Do About Them*. To my surprise, I found that I had all nine of them. But greater still was my surprise when I discovered that one good shot could cure all nine. There are few problems in our churches which prayer meetings cannot solve.

One morning this thought came to me: "The only thing our blessed risen Lord left behind on Planet Earth when he ascended to heaven was a little prayer meeting."

I thought that there should have been something else, at least some alternate route. But the Lord seemed to say to me, "Read the book of Acts and see what I did with that little prayer meeting. And I will teach you what a prayer meeting really is and what I can do with it."

It all comes down to this: revival in our churches is as near as our prayer meetings. Not only Scripture but all church history shows that no revival has ever come any other way.

Can we possibly improve on Jesus' plan for revival in our churches? John Chrysostom said, "God can refuse nothing to a praying congregation."

Armin R. Gesswein is the founder and director of Revival Prayer Fellowship, Inc. He is also the author of several books on prayer, the Christian life, church renewal and evangelism. He and his wife, Reidun, are the parents of three grown children. The Gessweins live in San Juan Capistrano, California. This article originally appeared in the January 1, 1986, issue of *Alliance Life*. Used by permission of the author.

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Professions of Faith.....	4,040	4,316	+276
Total Baptisms	2,511	2,581	+70
MEETING ATTENDANCES			
Sunday Morning	42,068	42,174	+106
Sunday School	29,513	29,103	-410
Sunday Evening	16,445	15,425	-1,020
MEMBERSHIP			
Total Membership	39,481	38,991	-490
Trine-Immersed Membership.....	35,437	34,875	-562
All Expenditures	\$40,604,479	\$42,661,957	+\$2,057,478
U.S. CHURCHES			
Total Number Reporting	319	278	-21
CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS			
Number of churches operating schools	43	42	-1
Total Enrollment	8,823	8,455	-368
FOREIGN FIELD STATISTICS			
Number of churches	733	747	+14
Foreign field average attendance	193,075	196,311	+3,236

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Church of the Year - Lititz GBC, Lititz, PA

Senior Pastor...Jerry Young

One of the strengths of the Lititz GBC is the edification and building up of their people. They also have a good strategy for reaching their community. The church has seen good consistent growth. Another strength is leadership development. The College of Elders program is the key to this leadership training.

Sunday School of the Year - Valley GBC, Hagerstown, MD

Senior Pastor...Dan Pritchett

The people of Valley GBC have a heart for the Lord which is evidenced by their Sunday School. Sunday School is the point of entry into the church. It is there that the friends and families that are invited to church are introduced to the Bible and good Christian fellowship.

Good Samaritan Award

East Side GBC, Columbus, OH

East Side Basketball Camp was held last summer for junior-senior high boys from single-parent homes. The camp was free and included several college basketball coaches and a player from the Cleveland Cavaliers. The camp was designed to put the boys in contact with male role models, challenge them to see the important of education while avoiding drugs and alcohol, and to help them understand what it means to be a Christian.

Educators of the Year

Ashland GBC, Ashland, OH

Dan and Leigh Daugherty

Both Dan and Leigh are very active at the GBC of Ashland. Dan teaches a class of young married couples and a junior high group. Leigh assists in planning activities for these groups. She also teaches a kindergarten class on Sundays and a training program for first grade girls during the week. Dan and Leigh are members of the Children's Commission at the church and take part in several other ministries as well.

CE Idea of the Year

Lititz GBC, PA

A program called the College of Elders is designed to train and develop new male leadership in the church. Pastor Jerry Young originated the idea as a way to avoid the over-involvement of leadership in the church. Prospective church leaders are involved in a program of on-going training and personal discipleship in a one-on-one arrangement with current members of the elder board.

Senior Medal of Ministry

Eastside GBC, Columbus, OH

William Flick

Bill is an elder in the church and is a trainer in the church's Evangelism Explosion program. He is probably best known to all who have attended the church as a door greeter. In addition, Bill has been active in work projects through the Men in Ministry organization.



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■ The BLITZ again showed kids that creativity and fun can be a great witnessing tool.

■ *I was impressed with all the adult leaders I met - everyone really had a heart for the kids and I think the kids really saw that and benefited.*

■ I was impressed by the youth group emphasis.

■ *Prayer made it happen! Thanks for your leadership and example.*



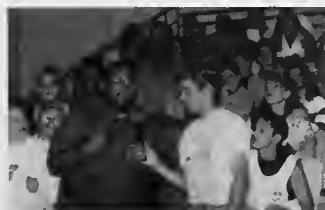
■ I was impressed by the "spirit of conference" from day one and the emphasis of prayer.

■ *The speakers were excellent. They knew what we needed to hear and got straight to the point.*

■ The times with the youth from our church was especially a great idea.

■ *I came to BNYC planning to leave youth work, discouraged, burnt-out. I now realize I can't quit. I am revitalized. Thank you God!*

■ As quiz coach of my church, my motivations for quizzing have been rearranged. The Christian character built through consistent Bible memorization is the ultimate goal, not winning.



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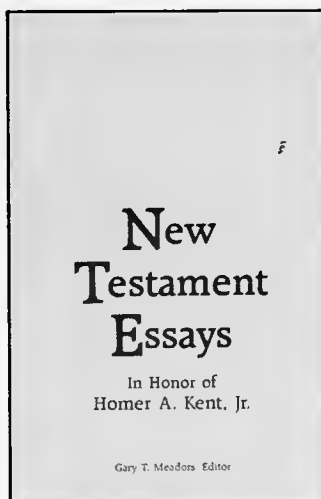
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Is Home Missions Essential?

by Jesse B. Deloe

Perhaps you think the question is trite, rhetorical, or self-serving. For some, however, it may be helpful to seek an answer beyond the obvious. Many fine Christian people have a burden for missions but do not recognize the essential nature of church planting in the United States or the need for "outside help" to start new churches.

Some time ago the pastor of a large, self-supporting church in our Fellowship said to me, "The Home Missions Council is an essential ingredient in a church planting strategy." His church had started six other congregations in the previous five years, some with the assistance of Grace Brethren Home Missions, and some on their own.

This pastor recognized that church planting is the responsibility of the local church as a part of the Great Commission. Yet he testified that additional resources may be needed for a local church to give birth to another congregation.

As I thought about his comments, I quickly recognized at least six resources that Home Missions can provide churches in their own church planting efforts:

1. Orientation and training for church planting pastors. We conduct an annual three-day workshop to provide our new home mission pastors with practical helps in developing strategies to start churches and bring them to self-support status. These orientation sessions are augmented by an annual leadership workshop for all home mission pastors (and established pastors are invited, too).
2. On the field assistance of regional directors. Three men currently oversee the ministries of our church planters. Their own experience and training equip them to help new men on the field in the challenging role of starting from scratch and building a church.
3. National exposure for prayer support. Through our various publications and mailings, media presentations provided for small groups and churches, staff itineration throughout the Fellowship, and programs at district and national conferences, we can give beginning groups the kind of introduction to the Fellowship that engenders care and concern through prayer and encouragement. We try to link new groups with churches within their districts and across the country that will become partners with them in their ministry.
4. Financial assistance from Grace Brethren investors from all over America. Of course, Home Missions has no money of its own. But, as we are the facilitators of our Fellowship churches for church-planting in the U.S. and Canada, we can call upon Grace Brethren people to provide the resources required for church

expansion. Church and individual gifts provide for salaries, health insurance, and partial retirement benefits for pastors and their families. They finance training materials and seminars for pioneer church planters. They also cover the expenses involved in overseeing the ministry, including administrative, publicity, and support costs. Only as Fellowship members respond can we offer this help.

5. Proven strategies for getting started. There may be more than one way to start a church, but each group must determine the one way in which it will begin. Our field directors and cooperating district mission boards provide a wealth of help and counsel for new pastors and people in a church plant, evaluating community demographics, designing strategies, and developing methods to get the job done.

6. Ongoing evaluation and accountability. Pastors out in the field are not left alone. Through regular reports, communication with their field directors, encouragement through their district fellowships, and other direct contact, their ministry is constantly evaluated, and help is given where needed. This not only assists the new work but guarantees to the donors of the Fellowship that their investments are being guarded and utilized as a stewardship from God.

We sometimes say that we don't care who starts a church or how it is done, just so churches are planted. In many instances, however, churches of our Fellowship have found it essential to have the assistance of the Home Missions Council.

Church groups recognizing their need and opportunity to reproduce themselves are encouraged to contact our offices for counsel and assistance. It is our greatest joy and privilege to facilitate your church planting goals!

"The Home Missions Council is an essential ingredient in a church planting strategy."



An Answer to Prayer

This is an update on Pastor Wilfred Jean and his family of L'Eglise Evangelique des Freres de la Grace in **Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.**

Attendees at the July national conference in Columbus will remember that special prayer was requested for the family of Pastor Jean. He has been in the United States for about five years, having fled Haiti during days of great persecution of protestant preachers. As this letter indicates, his wife and two young sons are currently with him in Florida. Read the letter with joy and continue to pray that permanent visas can be arranged for them.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

August 27, 1991

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you because your prayers have been answered. Now I really understand when David said, "O you who hear prayer, to you all men will come," Psalm 65:2.

It was hard for both of us to be separated for five years. During that time you tried to bring us together again, but it was not easy. Now the game is over, by the mercy of God, we have the victory.

It was not easy to come straight from Haiti to Florida, that is why we came through the Bahamas. With visas in hand we fled from Haiti to Jamaica. With another visa we left Kingston, Jamaica to go to Nassau, Bahamas. At the Nassau airport we met Mr. Scott Orcutt. Scott, a member and teacher of Ft. Lauderdale GBC, was sent by Pastor Randy Smith who made all the arrangements. Pastor Randy sent all the documents and set up the appointment to the American Embassy in the Bahamas. Once in Nassau we went to see the American who gave us the visas after a few questions. We left the God knowing that our long journey was almost over.

The job at hand now is to fill out applications for permanent residency. This will take eighteen months. When everything is ready we will go to Haiti for an interview with the American consul.

We thank you all for your prayers and help. Our expenses for the trip amounted to about \$3,600. Both Home Missions and Ft. Lauderdale GBC have helped cover the cost. I encourage you to continue to send your financial help to Home Missions.

Thank you and God bless you,

Pastor Wilfred Jean



NEWS UPDATE

Pastor Roy Glass, III, has informed his congregation, the Troy, OH, Grace Brethren Church, that he will not be accepting an extension of his call as their pastor when it ends in November 1991. After serving 7 years as their youth pastor and pastor, he desires to return to youth ministry on a full-time basis. Anyone desiring to contact him may do so at the church or at his home. His address is: 708 S. Clay St., Troy, OH 45373.

Jim Jackson (former pastor of the Charlotte, NC, church which has been closed) has moved to Vancouver, WA, to begin a new work there. The name of the church is: Vancouver Grace Fellowship.

Garth Lindelef is the new pastor of the Makakilo Grace Brethren Church, Makakilo, HI.

Mike Lookenott is the new pastor at the Laurel Mountain Grace Brethren Church at Boswell, PA.

Scott Massey has accepted the call to pastor the Carlton Brethren Church in Garwin, IA.

Bob Trefrey is now pastoring the Grace Brethren Church of Alexandria, VA.

A new district has been formed as a result of action taken at the National Conference in Columbus, OH, named Chesapeake District. It consists of the following churches: Temple Hills, Frederick, Calvert County, Waldorf, and Lanham, MD; Alexandria, Virginia Beach, and the two churches located in Richmond, VA.

Carlton Fuller is serving as the interim pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Johnson City, TN.

Mike Prentovich has resigned from his position as assistant pastor at the Grace Brethren Church of Rittman, OH, to begin a new district home missions church in Kent, OH.

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Anderson, Darrell. 703 Michael View Ct., Worthington, OH 43085-5876.

Kent, Wendell. 90 EMS B-33 Lane, Warsaw, IN 46580.

Kriegbaum, Arnold. 2320 N.E. 146th Ave., No. 7, Silver Springs, FL 32688.

Ocealis, Michael. His telephone number has been changed to: 904/ 676-7674.

Sweeney, Lyle. 6437 Meadowlark Lane E., Watauga, TX 76148.

Webb, Tony. 49 W. Oak St., West Alexandria, OH 45381-1149.

Wedertz, Larry. 1633 Cherry Pl., Escondido, CA 92027.

Hackberry Hill Grace Brethren Church in Arvada, CO, has been changed to: Arvada Grace Fellowship, 6980 N. Pierce St., Arvada, CO 80003.

The Grace Brethren Church of Greater Hartford of Hartford, CT, has been changed to: Colonial Chapel Grace Brethren Church.

The new pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Cuyahoga Falls, OH, is Walt Malick.

Deaths

Brown, Roy L., 86, August 26, 1991. He was an active member of the Grace Brethren Church in Meyersdale, PA. Larry Gegner, pastor.

Bush, Paul, 84, June 18, 1991. He was a long-time active member of the Leamersville Grace Brethren Church of Duncansville, PA. He was also a brother-in-law of Pastors Galen and Homer Lingenfelter. John Gregory, pastor.

Cunningham, Ruth H., 79, went to be with her Lord on July 28, 1991. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Hagerstown, MD, for 36 years. Pastor Bob Dell officiated at her memorial service. Ray Davis, pastor.

Davis, Lloyd G., went home to be with the Lord on July 15, 1991. He had served faithfully at the Pike Grace Brethren Church of Johnstown, PA, for many years.

Weimer, Earl W., 65, July 16, 1991. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Meyersdale, PA. Larry Gegner, pastor.

Frank Crotinger is no longer the pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Sinking Spring, OH.

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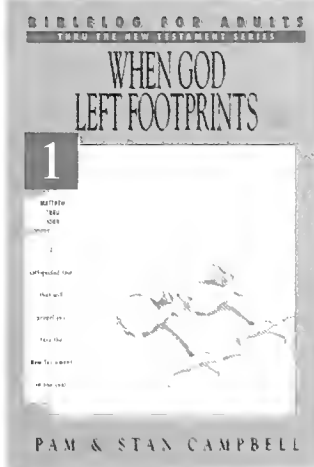
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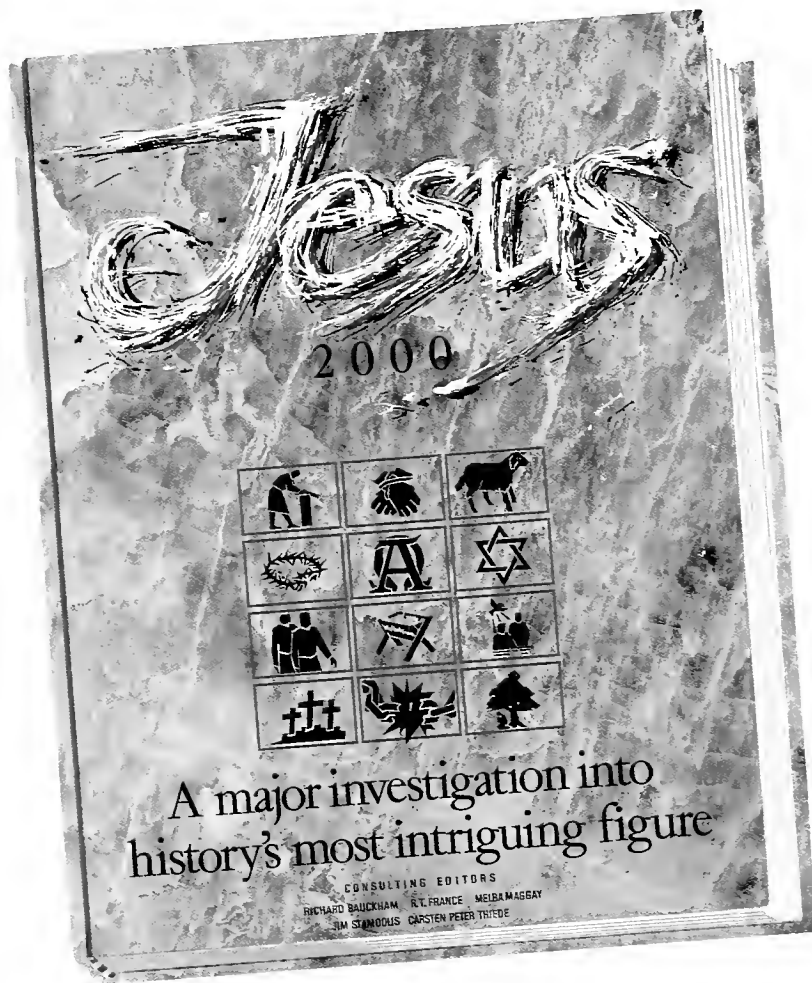
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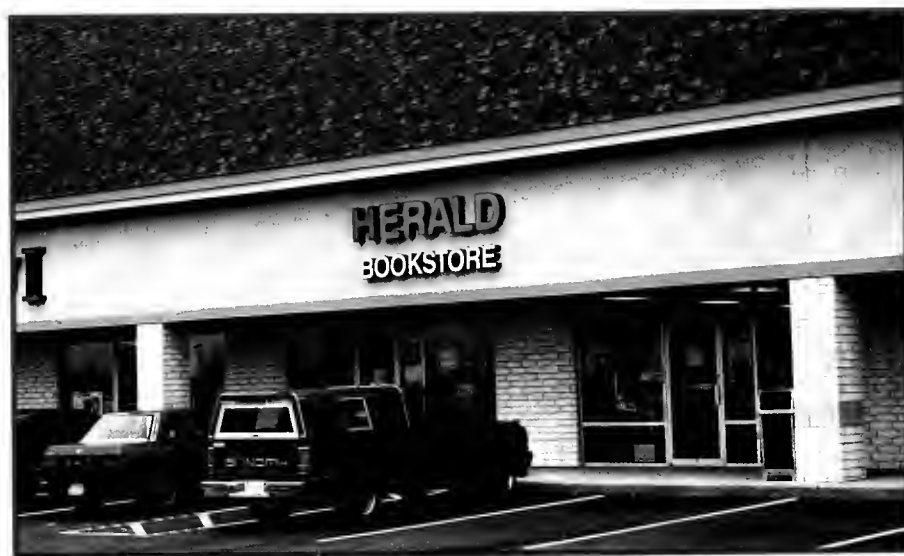
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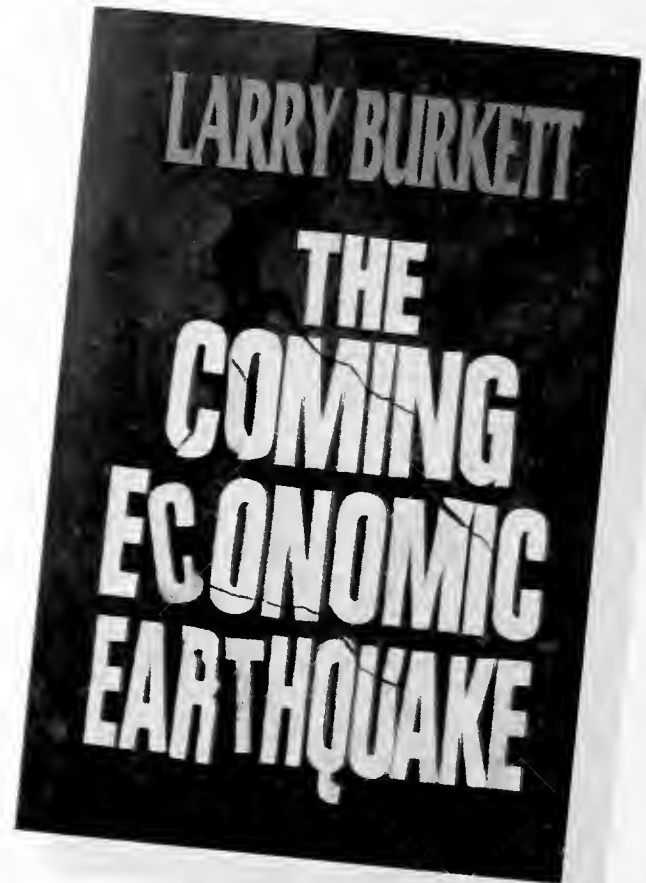
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PREPARE YOURSELF!

In *The Coming Economic Earthquake*, respected financial counselor Larry Burkett takes a sobering look at the impending financial crisis that is poised over America. During the 1990s we will face the greatest financial collapse in our history. As massive national debt exceeds the total net worth of the U.S. government, the ever increasing need for new revenues will bring major tax revisions and soaring interest rates. Inflation will influence the daily decisions we all make. As people seek to maintain eroding lifestyles, more and more will declare bankruptcy.

In his provocative, easy-to-read style, Burkett discusses how government programs that sprang from the Great Depression of the 1930s have contributed to a national debt that's out of control. He also touches upon the future and how the church may be impacted by the cashless system that is likely to evolve from the ashes of the economic collapse.

Larry Burkett is founder and president of Christian Financial Concepts, Inc., a ministry dedicated to teaching God's principles for financial management. His daily radio broadcasts are heard on more than 1,000 outlets around the world, and his extensive seminar ministry has been presented via video and audio cassette in thousands of churches.



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A news story came through the other day that seemed to be of no great importance, but nevertheless it caught my attention. When a sports team in our area wins a noteworthy title there is good reason to cheer. You do not cheer too often if you are a Chicago Cubs fan. In fact, when the Cubs do well, you get nervous. It is just not normal for them to win. They are best loved as losers, because that is their normal standard.

I am used to this kind of thing, having been born and raised in an area where the radio broadcasted the Cleveland Indians' games. Then there are the Colts who came to Indiana by way of a night trip from Baltimore. It was obviously the red-eye special because we have been weeping ever since.

But back to the news story. The impossible seemed to happen when a fellow showed up in Chicago who was able to change a pair of sneakers into a highly valued piece of clothing. Even non-sports enthusiasts have seen him on television, doing what is next to impossible with a basketball as he flies through the air, feet clad with *Air Jordans*. He led the Chicago Bulls to the championship three months ago. Just recently he and the team were invited to the White House for a photo session and a visit with the President of the United States. This also helped make the President look like a real friendly and approachable person, which is not a bad image to want when election year is approaching.

When the big day came, the Chicago Bulls went to the Rose Garden, but the big guy wasn't there. Without any explanation, Michael Jordan did not show up. Everyone was afraid to ask about it and went ahead and acted like Jordan was present and the President was smiling, but everyone wondered, "Where is Jordan?" To turn down an invitation from the President of the United States is not even heard of, let alone thought about.

Hold on, you non-sports fans, there is a moral to the story. It

seems strange to turn down a special invitation from kings, queens or even presidents. Who would even think about finding something more important to do? After all it would be an insult to the leader. But do not be too hasty to judge, for there is a large group of people who do this everyday.

An invitation has been extended to all persons of the human race. The invitation is open for an opportunity to come into the presence of God, the Creator of the universe. People turn the offer down by the tens of thousands, even by the millions. They refuse to come with their burdens and rest them at the feet of Jesus. They spurn the invitation as they boldly turn down the King of kings.

There is yet another group which turns down invitations . . . not a visit to the White House, but to the throne of grace. This invitation is to pray and talk to God. We do use the privilege on some occasions—often when giving thanks before a meal or when asked to pray over the chicken dinner on our Sunday-out trip. But prayer consists of much more than this according to the Bible. It is not a pre-planned, packaged event which can occur at places like the mayor's prayer breakfast where we eat for 45 minutes, listen to a lecture for an hour and have 45 seconds of prayer for the bacon and eggs. Prayer is communion and fellowship with God. According to the Bible it is not to be done in front of people on the street corner. Those prayers have an immediate reward because those praying get the attention of those who see them performing piously.

So Michael Jordan didn't show up in the Rose Garden at the President's invitation, but he claims to have had a reason. It is much more sad to not show up at the invitation of God in the garden of prayer for communion, soul-searching and fellowship. This, too, is an insult to God and also a lack of obedience.



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by Charles W. Turner

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As enacted August 1, 1986

After considerable discussion on the Brethren Missionary Herald Board a new emphasis of direction for our magazine was established by the following motion:

1. It is the purpose of the BMH magazine to communicate to the members of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches the news of its ministries and the current state of the church.
2. This shall be accomplished through news reporting editorials, articles and advertisements from the FGBC boards and interviews of persons best qualified to present information of general concern.
3. The content of the BMH magazine is determined by the Executive Editor under guidelines established by the BMH Board of Trustees. It is not the organ of any single interest, but seeks to serve the general interests of the entire FGBC in pursuing its Scriptural goals.

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Directors' Doings



Phil Guerena

Phil Guerena, director with BEM, was one of 32 pastors and missionaries who ministered at the Pan American games in Cuba this past August. He reports that churches were packed and in some cases there was standing room only. Anyone who

stood to give a testimony or a message was well received like a breath of fresh air. The Cuban evangelical church had formerly been treated like an enemy of the state, but now new concessions are opening up and foreign ministers are allowed to officiate. Decisions for Christ were numerous. There were exchanges of greetings, testimonies, singing, and a warm Cuban Christian heart which gave immediate love and acceptance. Pray for the Cuban people, its president, its leaders and its Christians.

Vernon Harris, concluding 15 years of faithful service as a BEM director, was honored at National Conference with the Robert B. Collitt Memorial Award for excellence in evangelism.

He presently serves as associate pastor of visitation and discipleship at the New Holland GBC in Pennsylvania. He was a leader in the GROW 73-76 programs of evangelism and the DEO-80's evangelistic thrust in the Fellowship

of Grace Brethren Churches.

Elene Dohner, wife of director Earl Dohner, was part of a First Love Renewal team that ministered to the WMC ladies of the North Atlantic District, October 11 and 12. They are members of the Grace Brethren Church in Brookville, Ohio.



Tony DeRosa

Tony DeRosa, a director and businessman who attends the Grace Brethren Church of Whittier, CA, joined the BEM road ministry team in September. He will serve as assistant to the Director, part-time teacher in First Love Renewal seminars and a follow-up coordinator. Those desiring to assist him with financial support may call our Roanoke office (703/922-6595).



Dr. Charles Davis presents Collitt Memorial Award to Vernon Harris (center).

Newly elected Directors at National Conference in Columbus, Ohio include: **George Traub**, pastor at Washington Heights GBC in Roanoke, VA; **Dan White**, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of York, PA; and **Lyle Sweeney**, pastor at Grace Fellowship Church in Hurst, TX. Pastor **Chuck Davis** of Ocala, FL was re-elected president of BEM; **Donald Kendall** of Hagerstown, MD was elected vice-president; **Fred Sorrick** of Allentown, PA was re-elected secretary; **Warren Zellner** of Winona Lake, IN was re-elected treasurer.

The winter meeting of the Board of Directors has been set for January 31-February 1 in Palm Harbor, Florida.

School Bells in Navajo Land

by Chris Galegor

As the summer quickly passed, one by one the staff returned for the new school year. It seemed only yesterday when we had celebrated graduation, but already it was time to prepare for another group of returning and new students. So many things needed to be done: classrooms and carpets to clean, weeds to be pulled, dorms to be painted, and on and on.

Our biggest need, however, was a teacher for the 5th and 6th grade class; and what about dorm parents for the boys? Our friends all across America had joined us in praying about these needs.

We tackled the first problem with an all staff work day. Thanks to volunteers from the Northern Atlantic District youth group, the classrooms were all ready for opening day, but there was still a lot to be done in painting and other cleaning.

The second problem was taken care of by a very faithful and loving God. He provided us with Mrs. Linda Davidson, an experienced and licensed school teacher from Maryland, to teach the 5th and 6th grade class. Also, Ray and Helen Dennis from Alaska arrived to be boys' dorm parents. They have come through the VIA program (Volunteers in Action). These new staff members came with years of experience in their respective areas.

At the beginning of the semester, there was still an opening for a kindergarten teacher. For the present that position is being filled by Jennifer Ritchey, a TIME worker from Wooster, Ohio, who was already on staff here. (TIME is a program for college-aged young people sponsored by CE National.)

With everything finally in place, 122 excited and energetic children arrived at school on August 26. There was a very positive spirit on opening day this year, especially among the high school students. It was obvious that something had happened over the summer to change some lives.

It was those high school students who attended Brethren National Youth Conference that were making the difference. They were excited and renewed, and it showed in their actions and attitudes. A positive spirit is contagious, and it spread to the other students. The BNYC group shared their testimonies in the first



Dorm picnic at Largo Canyon.

high school chapel, and as a result two students re-dedicated their lives to the Lord.

The trip to Youth Conference was made possible by the generous response of Grace Brethren people to a special appeal for financial assistance. The staff and students are very grateful!

A number of special activities have been planned for the students as the year progresses. Ed Lewis of CE National visited us in September and was a great blessing in student chapels and among the staff. Members of the Navajo Committee (representing the Board of Directors) visited in October. Regular staff meetings, exciting athletic events, and special programs will occur throughout the year. Next spring the Mission will host the first annual Institute on Ministries to Native Americans; participants will get a first-hand look at the school.

Please pray that this excitement among our students will remain alive and that families will be touched by their testimonies. Continue to pray for permanent staff members to fill teaching positions. Thanks for your faithful support and encouragement!

Chris Galegor is the wife of Steve, Director of Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries. She assists her husband in numerous tasks related to the school and the administrative offices. One of their daughters is a student in the Grace Indian Christian School; another is a student at Pensacola Christian College in Florida.



Above: High School student, Vicky Willetto.

Left: Schoolchildren enjoying recess.

Below: Kindergarten children at the Navajo School.



Grace College and CE National Serving Christ Together at BNYC

"We're here to serve—how can we help?"

That was the question asked over and over as Grace College administration and staff worked beside CE National to make Brethren National Youth Conference '91 a big success.

CE National annually takes on the challenge of planning and orchestrating the youth portion of national conference. The job is huge and growing—1,792 young people attended this past summer at Flagstaff, Arizona.

"It was so exciting to see Grace College people taking an active, serving attitude," says E. J. Underwood, Chief Financial Officer for CE National and Associate Director of BNYC. "They made a special point of getting to know the young people by living in the dorms with them, working at the registration tables, driving shuttle vans across campus, or handing them a cold soft drink when they arrived hot and tired.

"Grace provided music and skits and whatever help we needed. They worked with us, serving wherever the need arose," Underwood adds.

And, the administration and staff of Grace Schools were eager to do just that.

"We looked at the opportunities that were there—the chance that we had missed in the past—to meet young people from the fellowship and get to know them. To show them what we at Grace are like and show them the best that Grace has to offer. We saw clearly that it was time to grasp those opportunities," says Carl Beridon, Dean of Enrollment for the college.

"We know that the best way to grasp work for Christ is through servanthood. We asked CE to tell us what we could do to help. BNYC is their project and we wanted to participate in any way that would help reach the young people and make the week go smoothly," Beridon explains.

Grace Schools offer great things for young people—a quality education founded on biblical



Grace College staff and students enjoy the splendor of the Grand Canyon during this summer's BNYC.

principles with the purpose of training for service as the framework. But Grace exists only for and with the students' participation.

CE National has their finger on the pulse of all the students in the fellowship. The students who are bright, talented, and committed to Christ. But tradition alone is not enough to hold young adults in the fellowship. Grace College is a major link in showing them why remaining in our churches—and preparing them for church ministries both lay and full time—is a good decision.

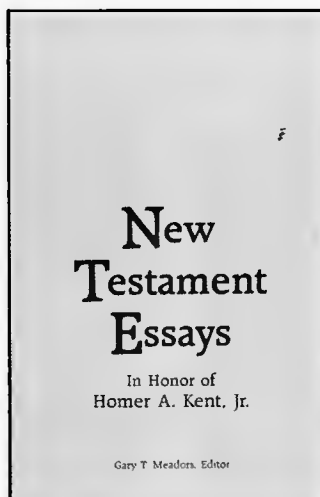
"We appreciate the support that we have received in the past from CE and the churches. We want to do whatever it takes to keep that relationship strong," says Beridon.

"I agree," adds Underwood, "CE and Grace are separate institutions that are striving to serve Christ together. BNYC is a good place to lock hands and watch what God will do as we willingly serve together."

New Testament Essays

This "festschrift" is a book of 13 essays, written to honor Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr., for his life of service and contributions to the cause of Christ. These essays have been written by individuals who have studied and taught with Dr. Kent over the years at Grace Theological Seminary where he has completed 40 years of service.

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by Kip Cone

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Street Evangelism in Romania.

France/Romania

Iasi, the fifth largest city in Romania, lies in the northeast part of the country, only 18 kilometers from the Soviet border. In this remote, almost isolated section of Eastern Europe, the France/Romania team walked into the city prison. As guards looked on, they entered a small auditorium where two hundred prisoners wearing striped "concentration camp" pajamas stood at attention. The uniformity of shaved heads and prison garb matched the common look of sullen resignation and despair on the faces of the inmates. The Americans, touched with fear and awe at this most usual opportunity, began to sing "His Name is Wonderful." As the last notes faded, Jay Bell stepped forward singing "Alleluia." The team soon accompanied him. Hay then motioned to the inmates to join. One by one, faltering at first, the prisoners began to sing the chorus until the room resounded with the heavy sound of two hundred male voices! Voices unused to uttering words of joy sang praises to God! A Romanian pastor spoke with the men, answering their questions about this God to whom they had sung. Three-fourths of the inmates responded to the invitation, raising their hands and praying out loud to receive Christ as their Savior! The Americans had a parting gift—Bibles. As if a signal had been given, as soon as the box of Bibles was opened both the prisoners and the guards lunged forward toward the stage, begging for a copy of God's Word. The sight was frighteningly joyous! One particularly large, burly-looking man cradled his new treasure close to his chest. As he hugged the Bible, he wept, repeating tenderly, "Biblia, Biblia, Biblia."



Laying bricks in Nitra, Czechoslovakia.

Germany/Czechoslovakia

They thought "mortar" and "block" were the only English words Jan knew. With gestures and demonstrations, the calm Czechoslovakian guided several team members in erecting a third story wall of the Brethren church in Nitra, Czechoslovakia. By the time the wall was finished, the TIME team members had become very fond of Jan and the way he called for the heavy clay blocks and sloppy buckets of mortar. Their last day in Nitra, the team worked furiously to complete another building project. As they toiled, one member began to sing a hymn. The others sang along, working to the rhythm of the melody. Suddenly, a familiar but unexpected voice joined in. Several team members stopped and looked in amazement at Jan who, with a heavy Slovakian accent, was singing too! The last few hours of labor flew by as the team members sang hymn after hymn. Jan sang along, sometimes in English, sometimes in Slovak. A deeper bond was sealed between the Americans and the Slovakian Brethren as they praised God together, realizing that His glory spreads throughout the world.



English children at Shirley Heath Junior School.

England/Scotland

For weeks before CE National's TIME team arrived in England, Dave and Becky Schwan had promoted the puppet Bible clubs which the team would be holding at their son's school, Shirley Heath. They were planning on a good crowd of children. Excitement was high as the team set up the puppet stage in the tidy gymnasium on the first day. Nervous anticipation soon collapsed into dismay when only five children, representing just two families, attended the club. The team's spirit lifted as they sang songs, worked their puppets, listened to a missionary story, and played a game with the children who had come, but the frustration lingered. Afterwards, Bill Kiddoo encouraged the team to continue ministering with enthusiasm. He explained that people are suspicious, and that it takes time to build credibility and trust. The team responded in prayer and with renewed energy. Each day, more children came to the club. By the end of the week, the hall seemed almost crowded with twenty-five children eagerly awaiting another puppet performance. The reward for the team's effort was supernatural. One child trusted Christ as Savior, and the door was opened for the England team to hold more Bible clubs in the school. After only a few days, the short term missionaries understood the intensity of the spiritual battle in England.

Momma

by Jinny Kennedy

This is an open letter to all the ladies who shared with me concerning my Momma during this past year's studies in "Friendship of Women."

On Thanksgiving Day, 1989, Momma had a stroke and the following Sunday morning she went to be with Jesus.

Our son, Pastor David Kennedy, had been in to see her on Saturday. She was in a coma, but after reading to her from John 14, he gently told her, "Relax, Grams, you're almost home." He was holding her hand on the side not affected with paralysis. She squeezed his hand in response.

I had been with her in August 1989. Although she had become quite disoriented, whenever I quoted any of the favorite Scriptures she had memorized, she would become alert enough to say them with me. We quoted many of the

Psalms including Psalms 23, 91, and 100.

One day in Makokila, Hawaii, I lay down to take a nap. My thoughts were with Momma. I asked the Lord about her, because I knew she was slowly going home and wondered what she might be thinking, wherever she was in that state of "un-at-home-ness" between earth and heaven.

The Lord told me to go downstairs, get my pen and paper and He would give me the answer to my question. I obeyed and it was as if He wrote while I pushed the pen. This was Momma's answer. It seems fitting now for me to share this insight that God gave me on April 14, 1989, when He knew He would call her to Himself seven months later. It has been a great comfort to me and I trust it can bring peace of mind and heart to many others.

Momma at 95

It's lonely now,
And darkness dims the eyes so blind;
But in my spirit still Your presence known
Brings calmness to my heart and peace of mind.
Though frailty erases much of memories past,
I do believe, Dear Lord,
You've saved the best for last.

It's quiet now.
The noises of the world are dull, obscure.
And thoughts of You are sanctifying hopes
Made pure by sensing that Your loving hands
Still hold me fast.
I know within my heart
You've saved the best for last.

I'm tired now.
The hectic pace of earthly chores is done.
I seek a better place whose Builder is the Lord—
Who saw me through this fight of faith.
The race is won. And I am now content to rest in You.
The die is cast; for truly, going home with You is proof
You've saved the best for last.

WMC Offering:

(September, October, November)

(send before December 10)

Home Missions Goal: \$8,000

This offering is for the initial funding to provide start-up kits for new churches, making it possible for new pastors to acquire equipment needed in beginning a ministry. This might include hymn books, keyboards, amplifying system, computer, software, Bibles, teaching

aids, telephone, signs, brochures, and many other useful tools.

Thank Offering

(Suggested goal: \$1.50 or more per member)

The thank offering this year is for SMM debt reduction. Our aim as a WMC is to encourage our "daughter" by eliminating the debts that are a carryover from past years.



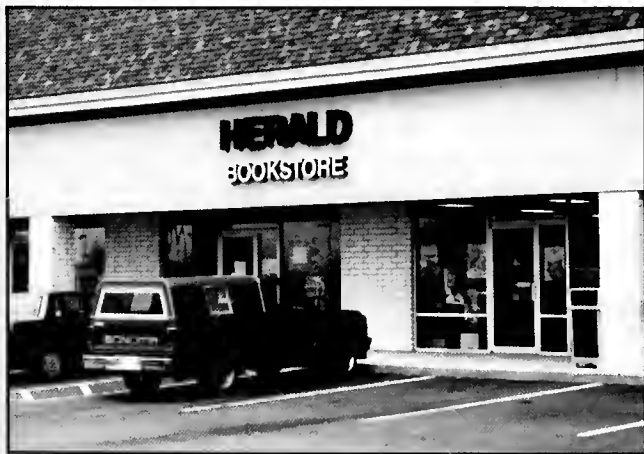
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Cincinnati GBC

The Grace Brethren Church of Cincinnati broke ground for their new church on Sunday, September 8, 1991. The church has been moving ahead on a pay-as-you-have basis. The plans as well as the land have been paid for and about \$250,000 has been raised for the building.

Charles Turner of The Herald Ministries presented the opening remarks and members of the church, with Pastor Mike Clapham, recounted the challenges to date and the plans for the future.

Four groups were represented in the service, showing the progress and cooperation of the work. Larry Chamberlain, from Home Missions; Forest Jackson, representing the district; Mike Clapham, local pastor; and Robert Belohlavek, from the Columbus-Worthington GBC of Ohio, the Mother church.



The Indianapolis Herald Bookstore

The Brethren Missionary Herald opened a second Herald Bookstore in Indianapolis, IN, on Wednesday, September 11, 1991. The opening came after many months of planning and hard work. There had been discussion of opening a new store for about a year.

The Herald Co. has been growing through a large mail order business. Customers include accounts in every state in the Union and total about 6,000. The Herald Co. also services other Christian bookstores and a number of colleges and universities. In addition, there are 23 foreign countries in which we have accounts at the present time.

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Hours at the bookstore are from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. It is expected that the new Herald Bookstore will dramatically increase the sales of the ministry.

The first two customers were Gerald Polman and his sister Elaine Brennenman. This was appropriate because their father, Leo Polman, was one of the early leaders in the work of the Brethren Missionary Herald.

NEWS UPDATE

The First Brethren Church of Buena Vista, VA held special homecoming and revival services on October 13-16, 1991. The church commemorated its 101st anniversary with former pastor, Rev. Ed Lewis, Sr., who faithfully served at the church from 1954-1963, ministering from God's Word. He spoke on the question, "Why Does God Permit the Christian to Suffer?" John and Linda Pantana presented special music. A carry-in supper and the evening worship service concluded this special occasion.

The new Grace Brethren Church has been started in Sidney, OH, with Roger Bartlett serving as the pastor.

CORRECTION. In the September 15 issue of *The Herald*, we listed an Airmail to Missionaries gift for the Ramsey family as being given by Mary Jane Rice. Instead the gift came from the entire Hope WMC of Canton, Ohio GBC.

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Weddings:

Redcay: Jennifer Meyers and Douglas Redcay were united in marriage on June 29, 1991, at the Grace Brethren Church of New Holland, PA. Roy Roberts, pastor.


Deaths:

Glesner, Ray A., 55, went to be with the Lord on September 1, 1991. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Hagerstown, MD. Ray Davis, pastor.

Wolf, Esther, 83, August 26, 1991. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Portis, KS. R. John Snow, pastor.

The Grace Brethren Church of Ontario, OH, has been closed. Mark Benzie, the former pastor, is working for the YMCA in Minnesota.

Ralph Schwartz is no longer serving as pastor of the Santa Maria, CA, church. He and his wife will be serving as missionaries to Portugal.



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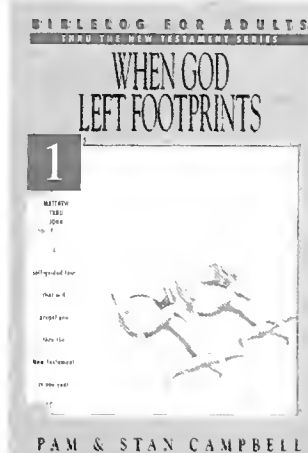
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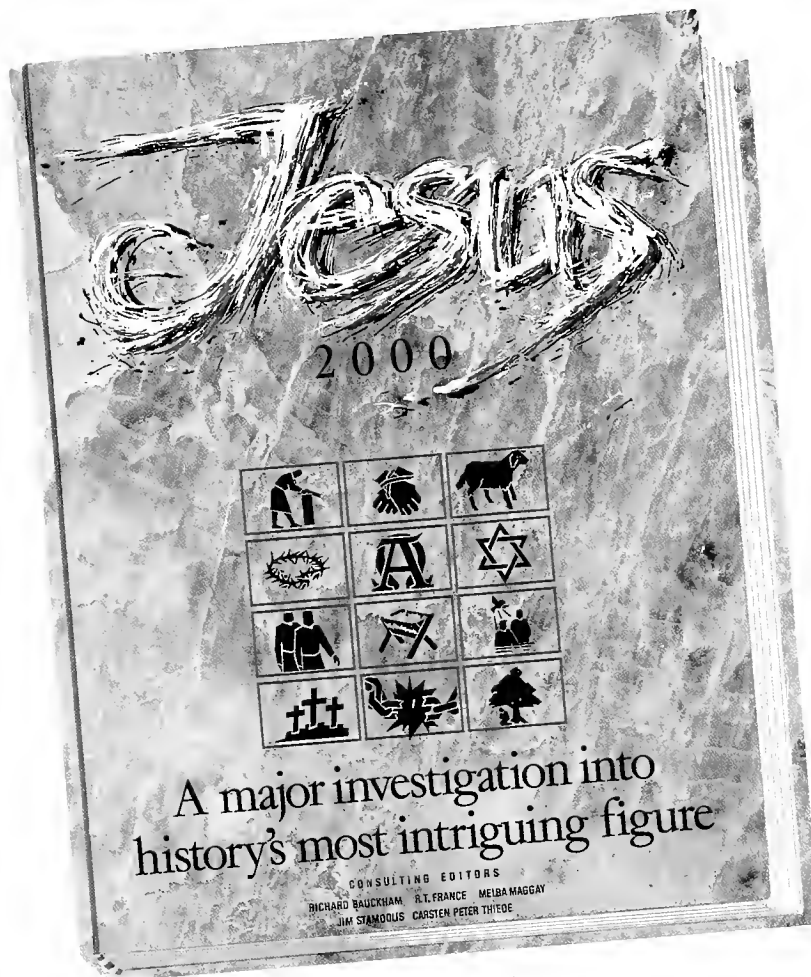
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A Message Presented by Jerry R. Young
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July 28, 1991

The world often seems to me to be a rather hopeless place. I believe ourselves very fortunate, as a nation, to have enjoyed the leadership of a hopeful man. Whatever his faults may have been, former President Reagan was a great encouragement to us. Our current President, George Bush, likewise gives evidence of being a hopeful man. May God bless him. We need all the encouragement we can get, because, you see, the world is a rather hopeless place.

The famous English philosopher Bertrand Russell once wrote, "We stand on the shore of an ocean, crying to the night and the emptiness; sometimes a voice answers out of the darkness. But it is a voice of one drowning; and in a moment the silence returns. The world seems to me quite dreadful; the unhappiness of most people is very great, and I often wonder how they all endure it."

A couple of years ago, my wife presented me with a membership in Tim's Gym, a local establishment in Lititz that specializes in the preservation of old muscles. With fleeting thoughts of what she might be trying to tell me, I decided to try the place and see what it could do. One of the staff members that greeted me praised the power of positive thinking. And I reminded him that positive thinking is powerful only when there is hope to hang it on. Let's face it, my muscles will never regain their youthful elasticity. My tummy will never again be flat.

Some of you know the experience of lost hope. It might have been the lost hope of romance, or marriage. It might have been the lost hope of good health, either for yourself or for a loved one. It might have been the lost hope of a successful business or vocation. It might have been the lost hope of a child gone wrong. Whatever it is, some of you know the experience of lost hope. The world is filled with lost hopes.

But there is a God of hope that stands above, beyond this world of lost hopes. A God that offers endurance and encouragement in the hopeless moments of life. A God that is able to fill you with joy and peace, able to make you overflow with hope when all is lost. Our

Bible text for today tells how God can do that, if you will let Him.

Please turn in your Bibles to the book of Romans, chapter 15. I am reading from the New International Version, verse one: "We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For even Christ did not please Himself but, as it is written: The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me."

Look on down the page in your Bibles to verse seven: "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."

Hope begins with remembering Jesus. Our tendency, in the midst of lost hopes, is to think only of ourselves. To nurse bitterness and sorrow. Turning inward, we focus on our own problems, our own disappointments. Others are forgotten, even rejected. Often mistreated.

Once upon a time, a young businessman returned home tired from a hard day at the office. He found his two children rushing madly about the house, whooping it up and having a good time. He scolded both of them and sent them to bed. The next morning, he found a note pinned to his bedroom door. It read, "Be good to your children, and they will be good to you. Yours truly, God."

Have you noticed? When things go wrong in our lives, we tend to take it out on others. That is the exact reverse of what Jesus did, and what we ought to do.

Do you remember what Jesus did when all hope was gone for you? Your sin separated you from God, threatened to bring you to judgment, to death and hell. But Christ died for you, in your place.

And here is the incredible part. On the cross, He bore not only the judgment of God for the sins of the world; He also bore the taunts of the very people for whom He died. Psalm 69 verse 9, quoted in Romans 15, verse 3, puts these words on the lips of Jesus: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on Me."

He didn't have to put up with that. But He did. A rejected, tragic, hopeless figure of a man, His thoughts were not for Himself, but

for you.

Because of who He is: the eternal Son of God . . . because of what He did at calvary and the empty tomb . . . there is hope for you. He is the only source of hope. The ancient Greeks believed that hope is part of the fabric of every human soul. But their hope was nothing more than a mysterious impulse giving rise to good and beautiful things in the world. A vague feeling that everything will turn out fine some day. Well, everything doesn't turn out fine, and feelings won't do when all is lost.

The Lord Jesus offers something better to pin your hopes on.

Once upon a time, a little boy was overheard talking to himself. With a baseball cap on his head and a bat in his hand, he proudly announced to himself, "I'm the greatest baseball player in the world!" Then he tossed a ball in the air, swung and missed. Undaunted, he picked up the ball, threw it into the air again, and said (louder this time), "I'm the greatest player in the world!" Again he swung and missed. He paused a moment to carefully examine the ball. Then he threw the ball into the air, swung the bat as hard as he could, and missed the third time. "Wow!" he said with awe. "What a pitcher!"

When all is lost, we need something more than mental adjustments. We need a hope that transcends human feelings, a hope that comes true. Peter revealed the source of this hope in his first letter to Christians. In the first chapter, verse 3, Peter wrote that God "has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

Hope begins with remembering the Lord. Without the cross, there would have been no empty tomb. Without the empty tomb, no eternal life offered to those who believe. The greatest victories spring from the ashes of lost hopes. Remember the Lord.

There is a second thing I want to show you from our Bible text today. *Hope builds its house on the Word of God.*

Perhaps you remember the story Jesus told about two men who built houses. The wise man built his house on rock. Matthew chapter 7, verse 25 says "The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock." The foolish man built his house on sand. Verse 27 says

"The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." And Jesus said, "Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."

Hope does not descend like magic from above. I am afraid that some people in Grace Brethren churches are addicted to superstition. Some of you believe the performance of religious duties brings a special grace from God. Some of you believe that power with God depends on how often you pray, or how fervently you pray, or how publicly you pray. Some believe fasting is a magical button to push when hope is desperately needed. I am afraid for you.

It doesn't matter how often I pray, or how well. It doesn't matter how insightful I happen to be on occasion regarding other people's needs or burdens. It doesn't matter how well I preach or teach. These don't prove anything with God. Read Matthew, chapter 6, if you want to know what God thinks about the public exercise of religion.

Only one thing will cause you to stand when all is lost. Hope builds its house on the word of God. Look again at Romans 15, verse 4: "Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

Once upon a time, a little girl watched as her mother put moisturizing cream on her face. "What are you doing, Mommy?" asked the little girl. "Putting cream on my face." "Why?" "Well, it's good for wrinkles." "Oh. It's sure doing a great job, Mommy. You're getting lots of them."

Only one thing will put endurance and encouragement in your life. Time spent in the Word of God provides a foundation for hope. Putting it to work in the privacy of your soul builds a house that doesn't fall in the storms of life. The moisturizing cream of religious performance will never do. Don't be fooled.

In the King James Version, the words in verse 4 are translated "patience and comfort." Notice how the words are repeated in verse five for emphasis. The word "endurance," or "patience," comes from a word that means "to remain," or "stay." Endurance appears only in time of trouble, when it takes effort to stay the course.

The word "encouragement," or

comfort," comes from the Greek word *paraclete*." It is the same word Jesus used to describe the Holy Spirit in the Gospel of John chapters 14, 15 and 16. The word means to help alongside."

That brings me to third and last thing I want to show you from our Bible text today. *Hope builds the lives of others*. Hope begins with remembering Jesus. Hope builds its house on the Word of God. And hope builds the lives of others.

Without hope, we are stagnant pools of water, taking in but never giving out. Serving ourselves, rejecting others. Insensitive. Independent.

Once upon a time, a Scotsman returned to Scotland after a few weeks in New York City. He said to a friend, "Ay, they're a crass lot there, they're very impolite. There's no telling what a New Yorker will do when aroused. Two-thirty in the morning, if you can believe this, Jack, a screaming and a pounding at my door. Three o'clock in the morning, if you can believe that, Jack, more screaming and pounding." So the Scotsman said, "What did you do?" "I didn't do anything. I just went on quietly playing my bagpipes."

Only the power of the Holy Spirit let loose in our lives can erase the insensitive, independent spirit that plagues so many Christians and churches today. Many of us don't really care about others. We care only for ourselves and for those who are like us. We don't ask what others need. We ask only what we want. We don't look for ways to let others have their way. We struggle to get our own way.

When the God of hope fills you with joy and peace, certain other things appear visibly in your life. Verse one, you put up with the failings of those who are weak. Verse two, you seek to meet the needs of others. Verse five, you exhibit a spirit of unity among yourselves. Verse seven, you accept one another. Verse eight, you become a servant of others, even those who fail miserably. Verse nine, you cause others to praise God. Verse 12, they place their hope in the Lord Jesus Christ. Your hope overflows.

All that sounds like a bunch of love and unity to me. And soul winning. Things which are sadly lacking in many of our churches.

Once upon a time, a dog presented her owners with a surprise litter of six pups. The family tried unsuccessfully to give the pups

away. Finally, after cleaning the daily deposits one too many times, the man of the house issued an ultimatum to his wife: "Either the puppies go or I go." Two days later, she pushed the local newspaper in front of him with an ad circled. It read, "Husband says either he or puppies must go. Puppies are adorable, fat, mixed breed. Husband is cross and unsympathetic. Your choice, free!"

I confess, there are times when I would like to unload some Christians I know. Rather than overflow with hope, they overflow with bitterness and strife. But I cannot. The Lord Jesus loves them. And the Lord loves you. He wants you to know the joy and peace that comes from trusting Him.

Surely there is someone in this audience today that longs for a hope that comes true. You have tried mental adjustment, but the emptiness, the sorrow of lost hopes is more than you can bear. Hope begins with remembering Jesus. He died for you and rose again that He might bring you to God. Will you today surrender your broken life to the One who puts people back together again?

There are delegates from churches all over America in the audience today. Will you set your heart this week to overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit? That would make a wonderful difference in business sessions. I'll have some recommendations that may help us do a better job of building one another. I'll let you decide.

Charles Osgood wrote a poem some years ago that may help you understand what we are about this week. It is entitled, *Trouble Afoot*:

"I ask if any of you know,
When men's socks vanish, where do they go?

Perhaps, as folk suggest,
Martians take some, leave the rest.
For reasons out beyond the stars
They need one sock of yours on Mars.

Or here's a thought, perhaps debatable:
One sock is made biodegradable.

But the best idea, the greatest notion,
Comes from New York. One H. Poloshjian
Suggests that maybe in his drawers
Are socks that might match some of yours.

He thinks there should be some device,
And possibly it would be nice
If match-ups could be somehow made
Through systematic one-sock trade.

The time has come for such a change,
And hence the New York Sock Exchange."

We'll be exchanging a lot of socks this week. Some of us have lost socks along the way, and what we have don't match anymore. How about cheering us up with a fresh idea or a pat on the back? Some of us have socks with holes in them. How about mending our broken spirits and sharing some hope with us? Some of us have smelly socks, and we're the hardest ones to help. Because, you see, no one likes to be around us. We smell. How about washing us with the fragrance of Christ? Accepting us. Forgiving us.

To all I say: Remember Jesus. Put the Bible into practice. Build the lives of others.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

I have heard the complaint by some that our Fellowship of churches elevates love and unity over purity of doctrine. That is un-

mitigated nonsense for at least two reasons. First, if love and unity are so important to us, where are they? I have been a pastor in this Fellowship for over 25 years, and most of those years have been marked by strife. I ask again, if love and unity are so important to us, where are they?

Second, love and unity cannot be separated from pure doctrine. They have everything to do with Christian living and the power of the Holy Spirit. Would it be proper to complain that the deity of Christ has been elevated above pure doctrine? Or that the filling of the Holy Spirit has been elevated above pure doctrine? That's nonsense! The New Testament is jammed with commands to love one another and get along. How then can you say that love and unity have been elevated above doctrine? They *are* doctrines! In case you haven't noticed, six of the ten commandments have to do with loving each other. Love and obedience are inseparable.

Business Sessions

FIRST SESSION

Monday morning, July 29, 1991

The Conference Moderator Jerry Young called to order the first session of the 52nd Annual conference of The Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches meeting at Columbus, OH, July 29-August 1. He led in the reading of Ephesians 2:1-10 and prayer.

A motion prevailed that the official list of member churches of the F.G.B.C. consist of those churches listed on pages 69-87 of the 1991 Grace Brethren Annual, with the exception of the churches which have disbanded or voluntarily withdrawn from the Fellowship.

Emory Young reported for the Membership Committee a total of 279 ministerial delegates and 428 lay delegates for a first day total of 707 delegates.

A motion prevailed to seat the delegates as reported by the Membership Committee.

New Churches Received

A motion prevailed to accept the Happy Valley Grace Brethren Church of State College, PA, into the F.G.B.C.

A motion prevailed to accept the Rocky Ridge Grace Brethren Church of New Albany, OH, into the F.G.B.C.

A motion prevailed to accept the Liberty Grace Brethren Church of Philadelphia, PA, into the F.G.B.C.

A motion prevailed to accept the New Life Community Grace Brethren Church of Souderton, PA, into the F.G.B.C.

A motion prevailed to accept the Fellowship Grace Brethren Church of Richmond, VA, into the F.G.B.C.

A motion prevailed to accept the New Life Grace Brethren Church of Orange County, Cypress, CA, into the F.G.B.C.

An additional report of the Membership Committee was announced with 7 more delegates: 283 ministerial delegates, 431 lay delegates for a first day total of 714.

Charles Ashman presented the proposed agenda noting the following changes: add "Approval of minutes of Business Section 2" between items 1 and 2 and "Approval of minutes of Business Session 3" between items

10 and 11 on the Thursday session.

A motion prevailed to adopt the proposed agenda as amended.

Proposed Agenda

Monday, July 29, 1991, 2:30 p.m.

First Business Session

1. Call to Order, Moderator Jerry Young
2. Presentation of member churches in the F.G.B.C., Fellowship Council
3. Initial report of the Membership Committee, Emory "Zeke" Young, Chm.
4. Seating of delegates from member churches
5. Presentation of new churches to be received into the F.G.B.C., Fellowship Council
6. Additional report of the Membership Committee, Emory "Zeke" Young
7. Seating of delegates of newly received churches
8. Presentation of the Proposed Agenda, Charles Ashman, Fellowship Coordinator
9. Consideration of applications from newly formed districts
10. Correction of last year's minutes
11. Report of the Nominating Committee, Larry Wedertz, Chm.
12. Election of Moderator-Elect and Fellowship Council members
13. Report of appointment of Conference officers, Fellowship Council
14. Ratification by the Conference of those appointments
15. Report of the appointment of Conference committees, Fellowship Council
16. Report of the Fellowship Council on recommendations from the Moderator, Roger Peugh
17. Adjournment

Tuesday, July 30, 1991, 2:30 p.m.

Second Business Session

1. Call to Order, Moderator, Jerry Young
2. Approval of the minutes of the first business session
3. Additional report from the Membership Committee, Emory "Zeke" Young
4. Report of the elections of Moderator-Elect and Fellowship Council members
5. Report of the F.G.B.C. Strategy Committee, Jerry Young, Chm.
6. Report of the progress of the Forums, Jim

Custer, National Forums Coordinator

7. Report of the Board of Brethren Evangelistic Ministries, Ron Thompson, Executive Director
8. Election of members to the Board of Brethren Evangelistic Ministries
9. Report of the Social Concerns Committee, Don Shoemaker, Chm.
10. Report of the Resolutions Committee, James Poyner, Chm.
11. Report of the Retirement Planning Committee, Larry Chamberlain, Chm.
12. Report of the Brethren Chaplain's Ministries, Lee Jenkins, Endorsing Agent
13. Report of the Conference Treasurer, Steve Popenfoose, Treasurer
14. Report of the Conference Auditor, Donald Eshelman
15. Unfinished business
16. New business
17. Adjournment

Thursday, August 1, 1991, 2:30 p.m.
Third Business Session

1. Call to Order, Moderator, Jerry Young
2. Approval of the minutes of the second business session
3. Additional report of the Membership Committee, Emory "Zeke" Young
4. Election of the Conference Nominating Committee
5. Report of the Conference Statistician, Tom Avey
6. Report of the Committee on Pastorless Churches and Available Men, Greg Howell, Chm.
7. Report of the Fellowship Council on their activities and actions, Jerry Young, Chm.
8. Report on time and place of the 1992 and future conferences, Charles Ashman, Coordinator
9. Additional reports
10. Unfinished business
11. New business
12. Approval of the minutes of the third business session
13. Installation of the 1992 Conference Officers
14. Adjournment (sine die)

New District

Moderator Young read an application from the Chesapeake Fellowship to be recognized as a newly formed district.

A motion prevailed to accept the

Chesapeake Fellowship as the Chesapeake District.

1990 Conference Minutes Correction

Moderator Young noted that the minutes of the Third Business Session from the 1990 Conference were not approved. He noted that two corrections were needed.

A motion prevailed that the minutes of the Third Business Session from the 1990 Conference be approved as corrected as follows. In the minutes as recorded in the 1991 Grace Brethren Annual, page 23, col. 2, pp. 2, in the first sentence put quotation marks (") around the words "I'm confused." and remove the quotation marks from the last paragraph of the report on p. 24, col. 1. On page 17, col. 1 with respect to the Bylaws amendment it was reported that the motion was passed when it should have been reported that it did not pass because it did not receive the needed two-thirds majority vote required for a Bylaws change.

Nominating Committee Report

Larry Wedertz reported for the Nominating Committee. The following were presented for nomination.

Office of Moderator-Elect: William H. Snell and Charles G. Thornton

Fellowship Council - Eastern Region: Dean Fetterhoff, Ronald Guiles, Ronzil Jarvis. **Central Region:** Arthur McCrum, Bud Olszewski, Stephen Peter. **Western Region:** Paul Hoffman, David Mitchell, Ed Trenner.

A motion prevailed to place these names in nomination.

Additional nominations were made from the floor: Eastern Region: Dan Eshleman, Jim Poyner, and Jeff Thornley. It was noted that Dean Fetterhoff had removed his name from consideration.

A motion prevailed that the additional names be placed in nomination and the nominations cease.

The election was then carried out.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Moderator Young announced the appointment of Conference treasurer, Steve Popenfoose, and no appointments for the other two positions at present (Conference secretary

and Conference statistician).

A motion prevailed to ratify the appointment of Steve Popenfoose as Conference Treasurer.

Fellowship Coordinator Charles Ashman announced the appointments to Conference Committees.

Conference Membership: Randy Smith ('94), Robert Moeller ('94)

Resolutions: Ron Manahan ('94)

Parliamentary: Ed Cashman ('92), Ron Carnevali ('93), Galen Wiley ('94)

Social Concerns: Add Ron Cohen

Pastorless Churches and Available Men Coordinator: Gregory Howell

Retirement Planning: James Johnson and Bill Burby replacing Larry Chamberlain and Morgan Burgess.

REPORT ON MODERATOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Roger Peugh made a report from the Moderator's Address Committee. He presented two recommendations from the moderator, one with "Respect to handling dissent" and one with respect to "Improving the conference planning process". These both dealt with proposed changes in the F.G.B.C. Bylaws. A printed sheet of proposed Bylaw changes was distributed and the changes proposed by the moderator were read as follows:

With Respect To Handling Dissent.

Understanding that dissent is a desirable practice, since it drives us to examine cherished beliefs and practices in the light of God's word but also understanding that unharnessed dissent produces harmful effects and fails to move us toward productive results we recommend the following addition to our F.G.B.C. Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV Meetings Of Members add Section Eight to read "Section Eight. Dissent." In the event that divisive issues threaten to disrupt business sessions and subvert the purposes of the Annual Conference, the Moderator may, with the advice and consent of the Fellowship Council, invoke a moratorium on the discussion of such particular issues in the Conference business sessions. In such cases the Fellowship Council shall initiate conflict resolution as follows:

- a. Small group discussion will be organized for the purpose of increasing communication and understanding. These

discussions shall be open to all interested persons and shall be of sufficient geographical dispersement so that all may participate.

- b. These discussions shall extend over a period of not less than two calendar years. Following sufficient discussion positive recommendations for a positive resolution shall be presented to the Annual Conference through the Fellowship Council.

Improving The Conference Planning Process.

Since Conference Moderators need to have major input into all phases of Conference planning and since under our present system they do not have sufficient time to do so we are recommending that the office of a Second Moderator-Elect be added to our Bylaws. The following changes are therefore recommended.

ARTICLE V Fellowship Council, Section Two. Number and Term.

- In paragraph one the number "fifteen" be changed to "sixteen".
- Paragraph two be changed from "The remaining three members of the Fellowship Council shall be the moderator, moderator-elect, first moderator-elect, second moderator-elect and retiring moderator."

ARTICLE VI Officers

- **Section One. Officers.** Change "moderator-elect" to "first moderator-elect" and following that add the office of "second moderator-elect."
- **Section Two. Election.** Change "moderator-elect" to "first moderator-elect" and "second moderator-elect".
- **Section Four. Responsibilities and Duties.**

- Change the title of number 2. to "First Moderator-Elect."
- Add a section to be numbered 3. "Second Moderator-Elect."

- a. He shall succeed to the office of first moderator-elect the second year following his election.
- b. He is a member, ex officio, of the Fellowship Council.
- c. He shall fulfill the function of first moderator-elect in the latter's absence or illness or when called upon by the moderator to do so.

d. He shall assume the office of first moderator-elect in the event of the resignation, decease or inability to serve as the first moderator-elect upon notification by the moderator.

e. He shall lead in the early planning for the conference in which he will lead as moderator

— Renumber the officers following sequentially.

SECOND SESSION

Tuesday afternoon, July 30, 1991

Moderator Jerry Young called the second business session to order.

The Moderator read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18 and led in prayer.

The printed minutes of the first session were distributed and corrected.

A motion prevailed that the minuted from Monday be approved as corrected.

The Membership Committee gave an updated report of 448 lay delegates and 309 ministerial delegates for a total of 757 delegates.

A motion prevailed to seat the additional delegates.

CONFERENCE SECRETARY APPOINTMENT

The Moderator reported that John Snow had been appointed Conference Secretary to fill the current term and serve next year.

A motion prevailed to ratify the appointment of John Snow as Conference Secretary.

ELECTION REPORT

The results of the election were given. William Snell was elected Moderator-Elect. Further voting was needed for the three regional representatives. Eastern Region: Dan Eshleman and Ronald Guiles; Central Region: Bud Olszewski and Stephen Peters; and Western Region: David Mitchell and Ed Trenner. This election was carried out.

STRATEGY COMMITTEE REPORT

Ed Trenner gave the report of the FGBC Strategy Committee.

MASTERPLAN of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Revised July 24, 1991

In the light of the needs of our world, the

concerns within our churches, and the mandates of our Lord, the Strategy Committee recommends the following purpose statement, six objectives and goals for the 1990's. We believe the following dreams reflect the kind of Fellowship we desire in the year 2000 AD...a Fellowship both alive with faith and pleasing to our Lord.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches Exists to Encourage and Enable Member Churches in Equipping and Uniting the Saints in Fulfilling the Great Commission.

Continuing Objectives of FGBC

1. To encourage personal fellowship with Jesus characterized by love and obedience to His Word.
2. To encourage personal evangelism and discipleship.
3. To disciple leaders for present and future ministries throughout the Fellowship.
4. To plant Grace Brethren Churches worldwide.
5. To develop clear communication throughout the Fellowship.
6. To strategize and implement vision throughout the Fellowship.

GOALS OF FGBC

Note: italicized items are revised or new goals.

1. To encourage personal fellowship with Jesus characterized by love and obedience to His Word.
 - A. Stimulate a renewed and creative emphasis on the systematic practice of prayer by:
 - a. *Produce a handbook of ways a local church can organize a time specifically focused on prayer.*
 - b. *Handbook mentioned in 1)A.a. to include examples of ways a District can plan an event focused in prayer.*
 - c. *Evaluate what each district has done to conduct a Prayer Retreat during 1989-1992.*
 - d. *Plan opportunities for focused prayer during regular conference sessions in 1993.*
 - B. Encourage each pastor to make himself accountable on a monthly basis to another pastor for his personal holiness, prayer and example to the flock.
 - a. *Provide examples of pastoral accountability for personal holiness.*

- b. *Each District Ministerium develop ways for pastors to have closer personal relationships.*
- C. Encourage spiritual revival in our churches by:
 - a. *To revise the Covenant of Spiritual Unity to reflect positive objectives.*
 - b. *Seek the formal adoption of the Covenant of Spiritual Unity by District Ministerium.*
 - c. *Each District Ministerium identify what opportunities their churches are providing that demand courageous faith and sacrifice.*
- To encourage personal evangelism and discipleship.
 - A. *Collect and publish what Grace Brethren Churches are doing to promote evangelism and discipleship internationally.*
 - B. *Each National organization identify their programs that encourage evangelism and discipleship in Grace Brethren Churches.*
 - C. *Design an integrated strategy involving local churches, district and national organizations that will increase the effectiveness of evangelism and discipleship in Grace Brethren Churches internationally.*
 - D. *National Ministerium collect from every pastor and missionary their personal goals for evangelism and discipleship yearly for the next three years.*
 - E. *Establish a network of Grace Brethren Churches conducting similar social concern ministries.*
- To disciple leaders for present and future ministries throughout the Fellowship.
 - A. *Design an integrated training process that develops and mobilizes leaders among our men, women, children and youth.*
 - B. *Encourage each district ministerium to identify the needs of its pastors and provide training help in maximizing their leadership.*
 - C. *Each Grace Brethren Church identify the top five potential pastoral or missionary leaders in their church.*
- To plant Grace Brethren Churches world-wide.
 - A. *The 1993 Conference prayerfully assist the planting of a new Grace Brethren Church within the proximity of that*

- year's conference site, and that every three years thereafter National Conference convene in a major city for the same purpose.
- B. *Each existing Grace Brethren Church world-wide participate in initiating a daughter church by the year 2000.*
- 5. To develop clear communication throughout the Fellowship.
 - A. *Create a central information gathering and distribution center for the Fellowship.*
 - B. *Publish an easily revisable, pictorial Pastor's Prayer Directory.*
 - C. *Encourage greater communication, relationship and accountability between pastors, churches, and districts on the basis of natural geographic clusters.*
 - D. *Track our progress in fulfilling the goals of our Masterplan by developing a reporting system for churches, districts and organizations to share significant achievements and blessings.*
- 6. To strategize and implement vision throughout the Fellowship.
 - A. *The strategy committee continue its work of coordinating a Fellowship strategy.*
 - a. *The Strategy Advisory Group meet yearly with the leaders of national organizations for the purpose of implementation and coordination.*
 - b. *A yearly budget with suggestions for funding to be submitted by the committee.*
 - c. *Provide for lay participation in all decision-making bodies of the Fellowship.*
 - B. *Implement plans to establish an International Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.*
 - a. *Identify the leadership of the international fellowship.*
 - b. *Establish a communication system to track church planting world-wide.*
 - c. *Organize an international conference by 1995 with representation from each country.*

COVENANT OF SPIRITUAL UNITY

Spiritual unity is necessary for the blessings of God in the midst of our earthly spiritual conflict.

Areas of disagreement are inevitable; however, spiritual disunity must be dealt with and the principle of reconciliation be applied.

Gossip and destructive criticism needs to be dealt with quickly.

When problems arise, they should be resolved with the person concerned and not with others.

Constructive criticism is welcomed, but must be directed to the individual concerned.

Manipulation of others to fulfill a personal desire is to be avoided.

Consideration, sensitivity, grace, love, and tolerance of personal differences must be shown to each other in the spirit of Matthew 18:15-17, Galatians 6:1-2 and I Corinthians 13:1-8.

THE ELEMENTS OF A GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH

A Grace Brethren Church is a local assembly of believers in Jesus Christ who are affiliated with the Fellowship in other nations, and are committed to:

1. One another as a spiritual family;
2. The Statement of Faith as a summary of our biblical belief and practice;
3. The practice of triune-immersion baptism only and three-fold communion only;
4. Oversight by an elder (or elders) who fulfill(s) scriptural qualifications; and
5. The observance of regular worship services.

The purpose of a local church is the worship of God, the edification and fellowship of believers, and the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

A motion prevailed to approve the report.

REPORT ON THE FORUMS

Jim Custer read a report on the progress of the Forums.

Report to the Fellowship Council on the Forum Process for National Conference
July 24, 1991

"A motion prevailed to refer the matter of the Baptism-Church Membership issue to the Fellowship Council with the directive that they prepare for a forum of study and discussion and come back to the conference with creative alternatives as soon as feasible but not more than 3 years from now. An amendment prevailed to have the Fellowship Council be sure that at least one representative from each district be in on this study." (action taken at the 1989 National Conference)

Following the August 1990 conference in Richmond, Virginia, I spent the following

winter trying to identify the District Coordinators for the National Forum process. I also tried to identify the relevance of the Forum process by specifying the underlying questions that contribute to our debate.

On March 21-23, 1991, 22 delegates representing 13 of our districts assembled in the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, Ohio to pool our resources and engage in discussion of the issues that lie at the heart of the baptism/membership debate. This group represented 254 Grace Brethren Churches and among themselves brought 593 years of Grace Brethren ministerial experience to the table with them. The purpose of this meeting was discussion and forum. No papers were prepared or read. No official notes were taken. No position papers were developed. And no resolutions were set by the group. At the close of the meeting each man was challenged to go back to his respective district and engage the pastors and churches there in the same process we enjoyed during the meeting.

The group was sub-divided into small units and reported 38 different items they discerned were involved in creating the present atmosphere that surrounds the debate.

Our next objective was to list clear biblical arguments for triune immersion. Although, most of the recent debate has centered on this question, the leaders uncovered several fresh biblical ideas as we forced ourselves to answer temporary questions from biblical material.

The group then divided into small discussion units to answer the question "What are the biblical requirements for local church membership?" It was obvious to all that this area of Bible investigation needs to be explored more carefully.

The group then discussed the nature of our government as a Fellowship and what biblical mandates we have for organizing churches into districts and national associations to implement the work of local churches. The definition of congregational government and the autonomy of the local church was reviewed against the biblical teaching about eldership and inter-church relationships.

We agreed to meet again in Columbus on November 7-11, 1991, to review district discussions and formulate proposals for Fellowship Council to receive at the January meeting.

The scheduled events for the 1992 National

conference are being planned to discuss these proposals and their application to our fellowship.

James Custer, National Forum Coordinator
A motion prevailed to adopt the report.

BRETHREN EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES REPORT

Ron Thompson gave a report of the Brethren Evangelistic Ministries.

The Lord continues to provide and direct our work of evangelism in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. Ours was the most widespread and diverse road ministry in many years. Traveling thousands of miles, conducting over 19 crusades and seminars from Vermont to Florida, and from Washington to Guatemala, God gave us some outstanding blessings, victories and answers to prayer. Truly "the Lord hath done great things for us, and we are filled with joy" (Psalm 126:3). Here are some of our reasons for rejoicing:

*Hundreds of believers came to the altar desiring to be a consecrated minority to impact our fellowship and world for Christ.

*A rich and rewarding tour of Mexico and Guatemala allowed us to provide medical supplies and minister to children and adults.

*Several individuals have entered the Christian ministry and are already or shortly planning to enroll at Grace Schools.

*Our National WMC ladies gave us a thank offering, enabling us to purchase equipment for our CIA Band children's program.

*The Lord provided BEM with a GMC Suburban for use in our travels.

*Total income for 1990 from individuals and churches broke all records: \$68,522.72.

*Our daughter, Angie Ellis, became an assistant in the office on a part-time basis.

*Several individuals have become part of our growing teaching staff.

We are honored to be invited to come to our churches and share what God has given to us. Your prayers and gifts have made the difference! The future holds many exciting possibilities for growth and expansion in our ministry of evangelism as we labor together for our Lord.

Respectively Submitted,

Ron E. Thompson, Executive Director

BRETHREN EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES Trial Balance

January 1, 1990 to December 31, 1990

Checking Balance on hand 1-1-90	(50.91—)
Received to 12-31-90	72,898.40
Transferred from Savings	1,500.00
	<hr/> 74,347.49
Disbursed to 12-31-90	69,302.19
Balance on hand, 12-31-90	5,045.30
Savings	
Balance on hand 1-1-90	\$ 1,796.91
Deposited	39.96
Withdrawn	1,500.00
	<hr/> 336.87
Balance on hand 12-31-90	
Total Cash on Hand	\$ 5,382.17
Income	
Churches General	\$53,631.06
Churches Thompson	2,139.25
Individuals General	4,566.00
Individuals Thompson	2,084.00
FLR	3,609.88
Interest	39.96
Books, tapes	3,335.35
Guatemala	2,530.03
	<hr/> \$71,935.53
Total Income	
Expenses	
President's Support	\$24,812.50
President's Expenses	4,787.73
Insurance	2,939.89
Board Meetings	1,930.02
Herald & Annual	1,734.45
Promotion	1,820.12
FLR	6,987.11
Office Salaries	379.11
Phone	1,096.75
Office Supplies, etc.	3,103.08
Collitt Memorial	1,000.00
Brethren Retirement	1,140.00
Social Security	3,048.00
Speakers Travel, etc.	2,042.38
Pastors Helps	198.00
Piano, etc.	11,280.22
	<hr/> \$68,299.36
Total Expenses	
Balance on Hand 1-1-90	
Checking	(50.91—)
Savings	1,796.91
	<hr/> 1,746.00
Total Cash on Hand	\$ 1,746.00
Total Income	\$71,935.53
Total Expenses	68,299.36
	<hr/> 3,636.17
Balance on Hand 12-31-90	\$ 5,382.17

A motion prevailed to accept the report.

Chuck Davis presented the following ballot for the B.E.M. board. Appointments needing Conference ratification: Dan White, one year term replacing Tim George, George Traub, two year term replacing George Christie.

Nominations for election to the B.E.M. Board: Ministerial - Phil Guarena, Scott Libby, Kim Robertson, Lyle Sweeney; Lay - Don Brotherton, Tony DeRosa, Earl Dohner, Ed Waken.

A motion prevailed to place the ballot for ratification and election to the B.E.M. Board in nomination.

The election was carried out.

Further corrections were noted on the first business session minutes.

A motion prevailed to change the minutes of the first session to reflect that the report on the recommendations of the Moderator was moved and seconded but not voted on.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Don Shoemaker read a report of the Social Concerns Committee.

The Social Concerns Committee is an arm of our Fellowship active in helping our churches be an effective moral voice to our world and helping our members be the citizens they should be.

During the past year we had two mailings to our churches. The first mailing primarily discussed churches and the law, especially the growing problem of litigation against churches and how to minimize it.

The second mailing provided a biblical and reasonable basis for Christian social action, presented differing Christian views on war and shared how our Wooster, Ohio, church is active in social concerns.

Our committee is currently having discussions to develop a clear strategy for reaching the goal of having our Fellowship and our individual churches be an effective voice for Christian social concern.

One primary function of our committee is to be a resource to our churches. Please avail yourself of our literature and contact one of us during the year for information you need.

We urge each church *to be a hand of love into its surrounding communities* through support of caring ministries such as pregnancy aid centers and homes for unwed mothers.

We urge each church *to release its people to be ministers to the community* through creative Christian social concerns efforts.

We urge our districts *to create avenues for rapid communication on legislative matters of moral concern* and we urge churches *to establish a network with likeminded churches in their locale so they may respond rapidly*

to community issues that arise.

In the immediate future our country will face major conflicts over issues of church and state, homosexuality, the integrity of the home, euthanasia, abortion rights and more. Our church leaders must inform themselves and follow a strategy which will involve our people in appropriate responses to conflicts. This committee stands ready to advise in any way we can.

In the past our committee's level of activity has utilized a budget approaching \$1,000 a year, and we anticipate the need for approximately the same amount of funds next year.

Respectfully submitted by the Social Concerns Committee:

Donald P. Shoemaker, Chairman

Russ Ogden

Bob Fetterhof

John Teevan

A motion prevailed to adopt the report.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

James Poyner gave the report of the Resolutions Committee. Two corrections were noted. The corrected report is as follows:

I. In light of this year's conference theme—"Having Hope" and next year's "Focus '92 on Evangelism", the Resolutions Committee reminds us of the Two Greatest Resolutions ever written:

- (1) You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your mind.
- (2) You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Jesus, Himself, gave these two commandments in Matthew 22:36-40 and we agree that they are the key to Hope and Evangelism.

II. In light of current trends in some churches today, the Resolutions Committee is concerned that the F.G.B.C. remains firm in its Biblical stand for morality and church policy and we believe that:

- (1) Any sexual behavior and/or conduct outside the marriage relationship is a clear violation of the Word of God.
- (2) Homosexuality is a clear violation of the Word of God. (Yet, we affirm that while hating the sin, we need to show Christ's love to the sinner.)
- (3) The Biblical office of elder/overseer is reserved for men and therefore the practice of licensing, ordaining, or placing women in the position of

elder/overseer is a violation of the Word of God.

III. In light of the need to have Common Goals for our F.G.B.C. churches to follow, we encourage our individual congregations to seek to implement our National Strategy Committee's Goals. (The six goals and sub-points are available in printed form and will be presented in revised form at this year's conference.) We also encourage cooperation with Focus '92, which is being presented at this year's conference.

Respectfully submitted,

1991 Resolutions Committee

Jim Poyner, chairman

Kurt Miller

Brian Smith

A motion prevailed to accept the report as corrected.

The Fellowship Coordinator was instructed to have copies available for delegates of the previous years' Continuing Resolutions and the report of the Resolutions Committee. The Continuing Resolutions are as follows.

Report to the F.G.B.C. Conference on Continuing Resolutions August 1, 1991

1985 Continuing Resolution on the Sanctity of Life

Human life is worthy of respect and protection at all stages from the time of conception. The sanctity of human life is established by creation (Gen. 1:26-27), social protection (Gen. 9:6) and redemption (John 3:16).

Committee Comment: It is our observation that our churches and people are implementing this resolution as measured by the increase in the participation in crisis pregnancy ministries, church education of Sanctity of Life issues, and personal involvement of Grace Brethren people to encourage adoptions and to discourage abortion both personally and politically.

1987 Continuing Resolution on Religious Freedom

We commend the efforts of our governmental leaders which strive to preserve the free exercise of religion guaranteed in the First Amendment of the Constitution.

We express our strong objection to those efforts in government which would move the state away from "benevolent neutrality" to religion toward a secularistic "anti-religion"

attitude, and which would reshape our nation as a secularist state.

We believe the free exercise of religion includes such activities as:

1. Freedom to meet in public places and in private homes for worship, Bible study, prayer and evangelism, including freedom for our children to have equal access to the use of public school facilities for such purposes.

2. Freedom to operate private schools to instruct our children in the relation of our faith and values to all life.

3. Freedom to determine the qualifications for membership in our churches and schools and to exercise discipline on the basis of these qualifications.

4. Freedom to determine the standards for employees of our churches and schools, and to discharge employees who fail to maintain these standards.

5. Freedom to offer personal and family counseling according to the teachings of the Bible to those who seek it, without being licensed by a state agency, and without fear of reprisal from those who do not agree with the counseling.

6. Freedom to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with others both publicly and privately.

7. Freedom to teach and practice what we believe the Bible teaches about morals, sexuality, personal relationships, private and public conduct, and all other matters that come within the scope of our religious concerns.

8. Freedom to strive to influence public policy from the perspective of our Christian values.

1988 Continuing Resolutions on Personal Commitment

We resolve as a national fellowship of churches, as local churches and as individuals:

1. To make four personal commitments.
 - A. To spend quality time with Jesus Christ in the Word and in prayer.
 - B. To fellowship with and minister to the body of Christ.
 - C. To present the gospel to our friends, relatives, associates and neighbors.
 - D. To live this day as though Christ would return momentarily.
2. To make four prayer commitments.
 - A. To pray daily for spiritual revival.
 - B. To pray daily for five unsaved people. — "Handful for Christ."
 - C. To pray daily for our pastors,

missionaries and other spiritual leaders.

D. To pray daily for those in authority.

RETIREMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Jim Johnson read the report of the Retirement Planning Committee.

During this past conference year the Retirement Planning Committee has undergone a reorganization. Due to the resignation of Brother Larry Chamberlain and Brother Morgan Burgess, it became necessary for the Fellowship Council to appoint two new members to fill these vacancies. Brother William Burby from Columbus, Ohio, and Brother James W. Johnson from Winona Lake, Indiana, were named to the Committee with Brother Johnson being named Chairman.

We certainly want to recognize Brothers Larry and Morgan as they invested great amounts of time and energy into the Retirement program for our Fellowship.

There was a substantial revision of the Plan this past year and a large increase in participation. The new plan allows all employees of member churches and Fellowship organizations to enroll. Participation has increased from 117 members on July 1, 1990 to 265 on July 1, 1991. During the same period, assets have increased from \$383,690 to \$572,996.

Joining the plan this year were the employees of Grace Brethren Church of Columbus and Worthington (OH) Christian School, Grace Brethren Home Missions, Grace Brethren Investment Foundation and Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries.

The revised plan also allows emergency loans with interest paid being applied back to the participant's own account. Other enhancements include 100% vesting for Pastors and 100% vesting for employees after 5 years of service, quarterly account statements (although this feature is not yet up and running) and quarterly interfund transfer change option.

Eligibility is open to any employee age 21 and having one (1) year of service.

Many, many thanks are due Mrs. Linda Leonard, who has worked patiently with Aetna during this plan change. It has been a difficult transition and Linda has done a great job.

James W. Johnson, Chariman
Pastor Jim Custer
Pastor Charles Turner
Brother Dewey Melton

A motion prevailed to accept the report.

A motion prevailed to extend the meeting to 4:00 p.m.

There was no report on Brethren chaplain Ministries.

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

Steve Popenfoose gave a report as Conference Treasurer.

The Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenditures For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1991

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
CASH BALANCES, JULY 1, 1990			
Checking — Lake City Bank	\$ 1,928.10		\$ 1,928.10
Savings — GBIF	(19,516.36)	\$77,043.97	57,527.61
Total	(17,588.26)	77,043.97	59,455.71
CASH RECEIPTS:			
Credential Fees	66,457.80	44,305.20	110,763.00
Conference Exp. Offering	1,453.43		1,453.43
Child Care Fees	3,949.58		3,949.58
Other (Interest, etc.)	6,416.96		6,416.96
Conference GBFM		719.95	719.95
Offerings: C.E. Natl.		1,121.06	1,121.06
Intl. Fellowship		3,766.00	3,766.00
GBHM		1,576.18	1,576.18
Fellowship of GBC		9,000.00	9,000.00
Total Cash Receipts	78,277.77	60,488.39	138,766.16

CASH EXPENDITURES:

Conference Expenses			
Facilities/Equip. Rental	4,020.20		4,020.20
Child Care	3,830.09		3,830.09
Printing and Promotion	4,922.41		4,922.41
Speaker Travel/Honoraria	3,487.90		3,487.90
Committees and Officers	30,069.87		30,069.87
Grace Brethren Annual	11,689.90		11,689.90
Pension Investment Plan		125,349.17	125,349.17
Designated Offerings		7,183.19	7,183.19
Total Cash Expenditures	<u>58,020.37</u>	<u>132,532.36</u>	<u>190,552.73</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	20,257.40	(72,043.97)	(51,786.57)
CASH BALANCES, JUNE 30, 1991			
Checking-Lake City Bank	2,664.14	5,000.00	7,664.14
Savings-BIF	5.00		5.00
Total	<u>\$ 2,664.14</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,664.14</u>

A motion prevailed to accept this report.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

Don Eshelman read a report from the Conference Audit Committee.

The audit committee had requested from the following Boards, The Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches and Brethren Evangelistic Ministries, an audited financial statement.

In response to this request the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches submitted a "Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenditures" and the Brethren Evangelistic Ministries submitted a "Reviewed Financial Statement".

Even though these financial reports are substantially less in scope than an audited financial statement, I do believe these reports appear to be accurate and properly reflect the financial position of the respective organizations.

I recommend the acceptance of this report as presented.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Eshelman, Audit Committee

A motion prevailed to accept this report.

The Bylaw changes from the Recommendations from the Moderator were brought back to the floor. The Vice Moderator assumed the Chair.

By common consent it was agreed to divide the question into 2 separate motions. Discussion followed.

A motion failed to extend the time of this session 15 minutes.

The session was adjourned.

THIRD SESSION

Thursday afternoon, August 1, 1991

Moderator Young called the third business session to order at 2:05 p.m. He read Philippians 2:1-11 and led in prayer.

The Membership Committee gave an updated report of 452 lay delegates and 312 ministerial delegates for a total of 764 delegates.

A motion prevailed to seat the additional delegates.

The printed minutes of the second session were distributed.

A motion prevailed that the minutes from Tuesday be approved.

A correction from Monday's business session was noted.

A motion prevailed to correct the minutes of Monday's business session accordingly.

An announcement of election results from Tuesday for area representatives to Fellowship Council was made as follows: Eastern Region - Dan Eshleman ('95), Central Region - Bud Olszewski ('95), Western Region - Ed Trenner ('95).

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The ballot for the Nominating Committee was presented with the following names: Robert Arenobine, Timothy Coyle, Richard DeArmey, Robert Fetterhof, Jay Fretz, Wendell Kent, Howard Mayes, Ron Thompson, Randy Weekley, Gene Witzky. Six are to be elected.

A motion prevailed to place these names into nomination.

A motion prevailed that nominations cease.
The election was carried out.

Expense	12,849,967	12,680,382
Other Expenses	4,643,181	4,412,131
TOTAL EXPENSES ..	35,065,888	17,100,504

CONFERENCE STATISTICIANS REPORT

Tom Avey, Conference statistician, gave a report.

FGBC Statistical Report 1990

PROFESSIONS OF FAITH	1990	1989
Regular Services	1,528	1,733
Other	2,788	2,307
TOTALS	4,316	4,040
Total Baptisms	2,581	2,511

MEETINGS: AVERAGE ATTENDANCES		
Sunday Morning Services ..	42,174	42,068
Sunday School	29,103	29,513
Sunday Evening Services...	15,427	16,445
Midweek Services	13,734	14,438
Communion Services	19,286	19,864

MEMBERSHIP		
Total Last Year	39,191	39,449
Total Added This Year	3,049	2,979
Total Lost This Year	3,246	3,035
Net Gain or (Loss)	(197)	(56)
Total Membership		
at End of This Year	38,991	39,481
Trine-Immersed Members ..	34,875	35,437

AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS		
Vacation Bible School	16,775	17,455
Women's Organizations	3,987	4,540
Men's Organizations	1,028	1,323
Coed Youth Ministries	4,222	4,474
Girls' Ministries	2,474	2,527
Boys' Ministries	1,688	1,997
Other	6,638	5,007

INCOME		
Total Gift Receipts		
for the Year	38,187,925	37,615,376
Total Non-Gift receipts		
for the year	5,393,712	5,791,836
Grand Total of All Income ..	43,581,637	43,407,211

EXPENDITURES		
Brethren Foreign Missions ..	2,659,698	3,728,547
Brethren Home Missions	759,012	823,245
Grace Schools	329,407	408,532
District Missions	214,667	243,258
CE National	112,783	180,635
BEM	36,846	31,247
Brethren Missionary Herald	22,751	32,315
All Other		
Grace Brethren Ministries	657,603	50,729
All Non-Brethren Ministries	1,207,845	1,146,691

TOTAL	6,000,611	7,175,736
Pastoral Staff Salaries	12,371,273	11,891,276
All Local Expenditures	23,177,154	21,241,703
TOTAL	35,548,427	33,249,595
Auxiliary Organizations	1,112,918	1,026,816

GRAND TOTAL OF		
ALL EXPENDITURES	42,661,957	40,604,479

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOLS		
Number of Churches		
Operating Schools	42	43
Total Enrollment	8,455	8,823
Total Income	17,572,740	16,489,629
Faculty-Administrative		

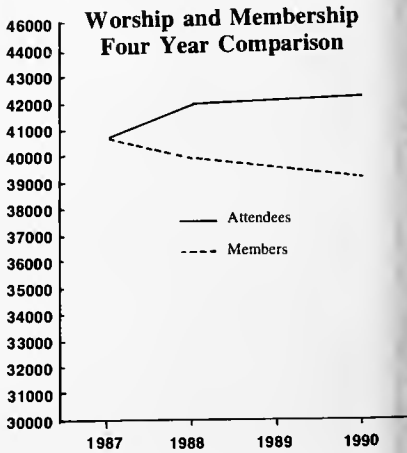
Number of Churches ...	Reporting:	Not (*): reporting
Allegheny	17	1
Arctic	7	1
East Central Florida	5	1
Florida Suncoast	7	
Hawaii	4	
Indiana	21	
Iowa Midlands	14	
Michigan	7	
Mid-Atlantic	12	
Mountain-Plains	6	
Nor-Cal	7	1
North Central Ohio	28	4
Northeastern Ohio	17	
North-Atlantic	29	3
Northwest	12	2
Southern Florida	7	1
Southern	8	
Southern Cal & Arizona ...	31	8
Southern Ohio	19	3
Southwest	5	1
Virginia	15	1
Western Pennsylvania	20	
TOTAL	298	27

(*) Based on churches listed in the 1990 Annual, District Conference Organizations, Cooperating Churches.

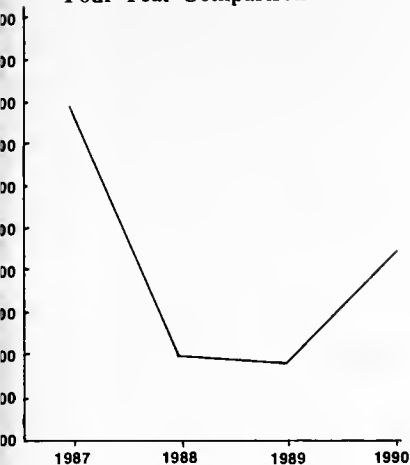
FOREIGN FIELD STATISTICS 1990

Country	Number of Churches	Membership	Average Attendee
Argentina	18	800	1,20
Brazil	20	1,300	1,40
CAR	600	145,000	175,00
Republic of Chad ..	77	9,985	17,38
England	1	N/A	2
France	6	105	18
Germany	6	150	38
Japan	3	13	4
Mexico	13	434	56
Philippines	2	121	12
Spain	1	N/A	
	747	157,908	196,3

An historical summary (recent history) ...



Professions of Faith Four Year Comparison



A motion prevailed that this report be accepted.

The Fellowship Council made the following commendation to delete the position of Conference Statistician. "Since CE National has the machinery in place to do the job well and since there is need and desire to simplify the statistical reporting process, we recommend that we eliminate the office of Conference Statistician, that CE National be asked to do the statistical facts gathering and reporting, that the Fellowship Coordinator be the liaison to work with CE National, that each year the Conference Moderator analyze the statistics and report his findings to the Conference. We therefore also recommend that in the Bylaws **ARTICLE VI OFFICERS, Section One.** Officers the words 'and statistician' be deleted and that in **Section Two, Election** in the second paragraph the word 'Statistician' be deleted and that in **Section Four, Responsibilities and Duties** all of #5 Statistician be deleted.

A motion prevailed that the Bylaws be changed to reflect the printed change.

CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR

The Fellowship Council made the following commendation with respect to the Conference fiscal year. "Since there is insufficient time for report preparation and proper auditing of the books after July 1st each year it is recommended at the Bylaws **ARTICLE XI**

MISCELLANEOUS, Section Two, Fiscal Year be changed to read, "... April 1 through the following March 31" instead of "... July 1 through the following June 30."

A motion prevailed to approve this change and to amend the Bylaws accordingly.

PASTORLESS CHURCHES AVAILABLE MEN REPORT

Greg Howell presented the report of the Committee on Pastorless Churches and Available Men.

"As coordinator of Pastorless Churches and Available Men, I do not actually match up pastors with churches. I simply act as a clearing house, collecting resumes of available men and passing them on to churches looking for pastors. There are really two lists - Pastorless Churches and Available Men. Anyone can ask for either or both of these lists, though we try to maintain a degree of confidentiality.

The system works best when all who are looking also list their names. For various reasons some pastors or churches do not want to be listed but do want the benefit of looking at the other list.

Many of you will ignore this report because it does not affect you. But some day when you need a pastor or desire to change pastorates please remember this office was created to serve you. Your participating will make our committee effective and efficient."

A motion prevailed to accept this report.

Moderator Young gave a report on the activities of the Fellowship Council.

NAME CHANGES IN THE BYLAWS

A motion prevailed to make the needed name changes in the Bylaws for Brethren Evangelistic Ministries and to add the name of Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries, Inc. to the list of Cooperating Organizations in Article X.

A motion prevailed that Section 4 of Article 8 "Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement" be deleted from the Bylaws.

A motion prevailed that the Fellowship Council be authorized to designate a part of the extra \$1 membership fee, presently designated for Promise of Honor funding, to the Pension Investment Plan in order to care for the administrative costs of the plan.

It was stressed that more information on the programs Promise of Honor and Pension Invest-

ment Plan was needed, and written information should be available to delegates at next year's Conference.

FELLOWSHIP COORDINATOR

Moderator Young reported on the status of research and development of the position of Fellowship Coordinator.

At the close of Annual Conference in 1990, delegates present approved a motion "That the office of Fellowship Coordinator be organized as a full time paid position in order that it may receive expanded responsibilities. Research and development of the office will proceed as follows:

1990-91 — Concept development of the office by the Fellowship Council including funding requirements.

1991-92 — Presentation to conference for approval followed by the development of necessary documents.

1992-93 — Search and screen process for a full time coordinator.

1993-94 — Selection of the Fellowship Coordinator."

Recommendation

1. Preliminary criteria.

a. **Spiritual Life.** He should be able to meet qualifications for the office of deacon as found in the Scriptures.

b. **Work Skills.** He should be a skilled administrator. He should have good people skills in balance with administrative skills, a person with a contextual understanding of the Fellowship. Furthermore, he should be an independent person who can work on his own with little or no oversight. He should not be a retired person, because longevity in office is desirable.

c. **Communication.** He should be a skilled communicator who is capable of assessing the wide variety of media available in our Fellowship.

2. Supervision.

He will be supervised by the Administration Committee of the Fellowship Council. Past, present and future moderators comprise the Committee. The present moderator will chair the Committee and take the lead in guiding the work of the Fellowship Coordinator.

3. Funding.

a. **Re-assignment of Funds.** The Promise of Honor assessment will be

re-assigned to a salary and benefit fund in 1994.

b. **Cooperating organizations.** Nation organizations will provide additional funds. A formula for contributions will be designed in concert with the organizations to express proportional based on such things as relative size and benefit derived.

A motion prevailed to place on the floor a recommended concept of Fellowship Coordinator as presented.

C.G.B.A. APPLICATION

Moderator Young presented the following recommendations from the Fellowship Council on the application of the Conservative Grace Brethren Association for recognition as a Cooperating Organization.

"Because we, as a Fellowship Council, are convinced that the consideration of this application will result in discussion on the 'Baptism-Church Membership Issue' on which a moratorium has been called by the Conference we recommend: That the consideration of this application, by the Conference, be postponed in order to keep the integrity of the moratorium and in order not to interfere with the effectiveness of the Forum process."

A motion prevailed to place on the floor the action of the Fellowship Council with regard to the application of the Conservative Grace Brethren Association.

Discussion followed.

A motion prevailed to move the previous question.

A motion prevailed to approve the recommendation of the Fellowship Council on the application of the Conservative Grace Brethren Association.

A motion prevailed to reconsider the previous motion.

A motion prevailed to vote by ballot on the motion.

A motion prevailed to extend the time of the session 30 minutes.

Charles Ashman, reported on the 1992 and future Conference locations.

1992 - Winona Lake, Indiana - August 1

1993 - Northwest Region

1994 - Southeast Region

1995 - Southwest Region

1996 - Northeast Region

1997 - Central Region

A motion prevailed to approve the plan for
ire Conferences through 1997.

A report was given on the election to the
minating Committee: Wendell Kent,
airman, Richard DeArmey, Robert
terhof, Ron Thompson, Jay Fretz,
nothy Coyle.

The report of the ballot vote on the motion
postpone consideration of the C.G.B.C.
plication was announced: 385 yes, 140 no.
e motion carried.

MODERATOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The Vice Moderator, David Plaster,
umed the Chair to care for the old business
h respect to the recommendations from the
derator, Jerry Young.

A motion prevailed to refer the recommen-
ation on "Handling Dissent" to the
rliamentary Committee with their
ommendations to be filtered through the
lowship Council.

The recommendation with respect to
roving the conference planning process
s represented as follows:

Since Conference Moderators need to leave
or input into all phases of Conference
nning and since under our present system
y do not have sufficient time to do so we
recommending that the office of a Second
oderator-Elect be added to our Bylaws. The
lowing changes are therefore
ommended.

ARTICLE V FELLOWSHIP COUNCIL, Section Two. Number and Term.

— In paragraph one the number "fifteen"
changed to "sixteen".

— Paragraph two be changed from "The
naining three members of the Fellowship
uncil shall be the moderator, moderator-
ct and retiring moderator." to "The
naining four members of the Fellowship
uncil shall be the moderator, first
oderator-elect, second moderator-elect and
iring moderator."

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS, Section One. Officers.

— Change "moderator-elect" to "first
moderator-elect and following that add the
office of "second moderator-elect."

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS, Section Two. Election.

— Change "moderator-elect" to "second
moderator-elect."

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS, Section Four. Responsibilities and Duties.

— Change the title of number 2. to "First
Moderator-Elect."

— Add a section to be numbered 3.

3. "Second Moderator-Elect."

a. He shall succeed to the office of
first moderator-elect the second
year following his election.

b. He is a member, ex-officio, of the
Fellowship Council.

c. He shall fulfill the functions of first
moderator-elect in the latter's
absence or illness or when called
upon by the moderator to do so.

d. He shall assume the office of first
moderator-elect in the event of his
resignation, decease or inability to
serve as the first moderator-elect
upon notification by the
moderator.

e. He shall lead the early planning for
the conference in which he will
lead as moderator.

— Renumber the officers following
sequentially.

A motion prevailed to change the Bylaws
to add the office of "Second Moderator-Elect.

The Moderator resumed the chair.

A motion prevailed to extend the time of
the session 5 minutes.

A motion prevailed to approve the minutes
of the third business session as read.

A motion prevailed to adjourn (sine die).

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION December 31, 1990

Assets:

General Fund—
Investments \$ 156,162
Receivables 612,752
Real Estate 347,105
Equipment (less depreciation) . 86,464
Other 181,442

Total Assets 1,383,925

Restricted Fund—

Cash 113,189
Receivables 218,665
Investments 10,450
Inventory 2,623

Total Restricted Fund 344,927

Annuity Funds—

Cash 47,004
Investments 488,288
Other 2,834

Total Annuity Funds 538,126

Endowment Fund—
Cash 48,553
Investments 103,900
Other 390

Total Endowment Fund 152,843

Total All Funds 2,419,821

Liabilities:

General Fund—
Payable to Restricted Fund ... 218,005
Other Liabilities 250,675

Fund Balance 915,245

Total 1,383,925

Restricted Fund—

Endowment Payable 0
Fund Balance 344,927

Total Restricted Fund 344,927

Annuity Fund—

Annuity Payments Payable ... 2,220
Annuities in Force 306,298
Fund Balance 229,608

Total Annuity Funds 538,126

Endowment Fund—

Fund Balance 152,843

TOTAL ALL FUNDS \$2,419,821

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS Year Ending December 31, 1990

Income:

Operation Lifeline \$ 373,456
Missionary Support 3,126,763
Interest and Miscellaneous ... 33,372

TOTAL INCOME \$3,533,591

Expenses:

Administrative 140,635
Office Salaries 223,386
Promotional 347,104
Missionary Salaries 1,722,482
Missionary Travel 95,831
Field Expenditures 981,183
Other 59,153

TOTAL EXPENSES \$3,506,774

The financial records for GBFM for the year 1990 have been audited by Dahms and Yarian, Certified Public Accountants, Warsaw, Indiana. The complete audited report is available for inspection at GBFM, 1401 Kings Highway, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

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Columbus, OH, N.E.—Rocky Ridge Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Will Marlin.

Cypress, CA—New Life Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, David Marksbury.

Dryhill, KY—Victory Mountain Grace Brethren Chapel. Pastor, Samuel Bae.

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Philadelphia, PA—Crossroads Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, James Brown.

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Dino Butler, high school teacher, coach

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Linda Davidson, 5th and 6th grade teacher

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(VIA)

Angie Garber, visitation missionary (VIA)

Helen Garrett, 1st and 2nd grade teacher

Bob and Norma Lathrop, vehicle main-
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Elaine Marpel, principal, high school teacher

Betty Masimer, visitation missionary (VIA)

Andy Moyer, high school teacher, coach

Jennifer Ritchey (TIME)

Roy and Ladina Sam, 7th and 8th grade
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Churches sponsored
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Cedar Hill Navajo Grace Brethren Church
(Tully and Mary Butler)

Day Mesa Navajo Grace Brethren Church
(Johnson and Nancy Chiquito)

Red Lake (AZ) Community Grace Brethren
Church (John and Nora Trujillo)

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Following are the combined Financial Statements of The Grace Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc. and Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries, Inc.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES OPERATING EXPENSES & EQUITY Year Ending December 31, 1990

Revenues:

Offerings	\$1,226,372
Estates and annuities	29,326
Rent	48,500
Interest	40,460
Other	1,912
	<u>1,346,570</u>

Operating Expenses:

Direct assistance	1,240,235
Administration	384,134
Promotion	176,123
Payments to annuitants	76,286
	<u>1,876,778</u>

Excess (deficit) of revenues over operating expenses ...	(530,208)
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Other Income (Expense):

Assets received on dissolutions	550,478
Net income (expense) relating to prior period	7,575
Gain on sale of fixed assets ..	4,703
Interest	(45,373)
	<u>517,383</u>

Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenses	(12,825)
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Equity, beginning of year ...	1,062,243
Adjustment for equity in gift value of annuities	
Equity as restated	1,062,243
Equity, end of year	<u>\$1,049,418</u>

The above financial statements have been audited by the firm of Ashman, Targgart, & Manion, P.C. Certified Public Accountants, Fort Wayne, Indiana. A copy of their full report is available upon request.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION December 31, 1990

ASSETS:

Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 74,3
Offerings and other receipts in transit	260,
Total cash and cash equivalents	334,
Contract receivable	252,
Current portion of notes receivable	5,
Other Current assets	27,
Accounts receivable	37,
Total Current Assets	\$ 658,

Property and equipment:

Land	36,
Buildings	369,
Mission real estate	475,
Autos and trucks	194,
Photographic equipment	41,
Other equipment	267,

	1,383,
Less accumulated depr.....	(483,
	<u>\$ 900</u>

Investments & other assets:

Notes receivable	
Contributed property	2
Annuities invested	479
Leasehold interest, net	17
	<u>\$ 500</u>

TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$2,058</u>
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:**Current Liabilities:**

Accounts payable	\$ 481,305
Current portion of	
long-term debt	11,181
Accounts payable	34,285
Accrued annuity installments ..	14,949
Deferred rental income	—
Payroll withholdings	<u>876</u>
Total current liabilities	\$ <u>542,596</u>

Long-term debt, net of

current portion	187,513
Annuities and trusts	<u>278,979</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,009,088
Equity in unused annuity assets	200,814
EQUITY	848,604
Total Equity	<u>1,049,418</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	
AND EQUITY	<u>\$2,058,506</u>

GRACE BRETHREN INVESTMENT FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED

P.O. Box 587, Winona Lake, IN 46590

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL**CONDITION**

May 31, 1991

ASSETS:

Cash and Cash Equivalent ..	\$3,671,452
Investments	2,237,474
Accrued Interest Receivable ..	112,154
Loans Receivable	15,678,846
Vehicles and Equipment (Net)	47,719
Other Assets	<u>11,070</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$21,758,715</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE:

Savings Accounts	\$19,330,248
Accrued Interest Payable ...	217,768
Other Liabilities	<u>105,809</u>
Total Liabilities	19,653,825
Fund Balance	<u>2,104,890</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund	
Balance	<u>\$21,758,715</u>

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For Year Ended May 31, 1991

OPERATING INCOME:

Interest on Loans	\$1,376,618
Interest on Investments	<u>527,993</u>

Total Operating Income 1,904,611

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Interest on Savings Accounts	\$1,319,087
Salaries and Services	140,212
Contributions	188,760
Data Processing	6,402
Other Administrative Expenses	<u>163,619</u>

Total Operating Expenses... 1,818,080

Other Income and (Expenses) 3,403

NET INCOME \$ 89,934

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Condensed Financial Report

Statement of Revenues,
 Expenditures, and Transfers
 For the Year Ended May 31, 1991

REVENUES:

Educational & General:

Tuition & fees	\$4,522,6
Gifts	1,126,0
Endowment income	18,5
Other	104,9

Total educational and
 general \$5,772,1

Auxiliary Enterprises:

Housing	\$ 844,4
Food service	675,4
Other	343,3

Total auxiliary
 enterprises \$1,863,2

Other sources \$ 94,4

TOTAL REVENUES \$7,729,8

EXPENDITURES:**Education & general:**

Instructional	\$2,032,565
Academic support	429,082
Student services	767,419
Institutional support	1,712,575
Operation of plant	620,695
Student aid	668,991
Transfers	100,994
Total educational and general	<u>\$6,332,321</u>

Auxiliary enterprises:

Housing	\$ 764,595
Food service	578,275
Other	<u>417,656</u>
Total auxiliary enterprises	<u>\$1,760,526</u>
Other Transfers	<u>\$ (300,000)</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$7,792,847
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ...	<u>\$ (63,000)</u>

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1, 1990 to December 31, 1990

ASSETS:

Current Assets

Cash and Certs. of Deposit . . .	\$154,345.81
Accounts Receivable	95,806.43
Refundable Payroll Tax	-0-
Inventory-Merchandise	703,122.89
Deposit	-0-
Contract Receivables	-0-
Prepaid Expenses	20,670.67
Total Current Assets	\$973,945.80
Investments	\$651,322.30

Non-Current Assets

Land	\$ 5,000.00
Buildings	327,443.93
Furniture and Fixtures	205,147.58
Print Shop Equipment	260,773.34
Vehicles	30,087.95

Total \$828,452.80

Less — accumulated depr. 618,933.64

Net Property — Equipment . . . 209,519.16

Other Assets

Contract Receivables	-0-
Less Current Portion	-0-
Total Other Assets	-0-

TOTAL ASSETS \$1,834,787.26

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH:

Current liabilities

Accounts payable	\$ 3,606.06
Employee Payroll Deductions . . .	230.00
Notes Payable	52,700.00
Income Tax Payable	-0-
Accrued Interest	476.59
Sales Tax Payable	1,472.76
Deposits	15,953.50
Payroll Tax	1,459.47

Total Current Liabilities \$ 75,898.38

Long-Term Liabilities

Notes Payable	-0-
Less Current	-0-

Total Long Term Liabilities . . -0-

Other Liabilities

Gift Annuities	\$10,000.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 85,898.38
Fund Balance	1,748,888.88

Total Liabilities and

Fund Balance \$1,834,787.26

CONDENSED OPERATING STATEMENT

Income

Merchandise Sales	\$1,194,467.29
Cooperating Boards	60,663.80
Rentals	2,655.00
Interest and miscellaneous	44,035.91
Sale Fixed Assets & Securities	40,165.80
Bequest	-0-
Finance Charges and Special Offerings	2,504.50
Total Business Income	\$1,344,492.93

Cost

Purchases	\$ 644,463.92
Salaries	293,275.20
Operating expenses	366,832.37
Free Literature	7,166.68
Rental Expenses	4,055.15
Administrative Expense	14,662.10

Total Business Costs \$1,330,455.42

Total Business Gain 14,037.51

Publication Offering 31,793.93

Expenses 16,955.16

Offering Net Gain \$14,838.77

Total Net Income \$28,876.28

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1991-1992

WMC YEARLY GOALS

1. **Read and study the Bible regularly.**
2. **Be a faithful prayer warrior.***
3. **Active in Evangelism.***
4. Encourage increased interest in SMM or aid in the establishment of SMM in your local church.
5. **Give regularly** to WMC — time, talent, and money as the Lord leads and prospers.*
6. **Support regular family devotions.*** Use of *Daily Devotions* is suggested.

*Refer to WMC Handbook.

LOCAL GOALS

1. Observe a special time of **prayer on the 15th day** of each month.*
2. Emphasize prayer for local youth and those who made decisions for full-time Christian service.
3. **Support district rallies and projects.**
4. **Contribute to Major Offerings:**
 Please send all money to the National Financial Secretary-Treasurer using the proper offering slip from the treasurer's sheet in the Program Packet. Make checks payable to - Grace Brethren National WMC.

A. September, October, November:

HOME MISSIONS - Goal \$8,000

Project: Start up kits.

Send before December 10th.

THANK OFFERING -

We suggest a minimum of \$1.50 a year per member.

Send before December 10th.

Project: SMM debt reduction \$5164.

B. December, January, February:

GRACE SCHOOLS - Goal \$8,000

Project: Organ

Send before March 10th.

CE NATIONAL OFFERING

Sponsorship of Director of Girls' Ministries (Note: SMM is the heart of WMC.)

Send before March 10th.

We suggest a minimum of \$3.00 a year per member. \$10,329.

C. March, April, May:

FOREIGN MISSIONS - Goal \$8,000

Project: Bible Institutes. Brazil - new roof. Chad - well, airstrip. Philippines - library books.

Send before June 10th.

MISSIONARIES OF THE YEAR

Offerings may be given in the month of your birthday or at a special emphasis throughout the year toward the support of WMC Missionaries of the Year honoring their service.

We suggest a minimum of \$1.50 per member.

Send before June 10th.

Missionaries of the Year for 1991-1992 are:

- Wilma Bailey - Argentina
- Rachel Jackson - Germany
- Cheryl Kauffman - C.A.R.
- Cheryl Shipley - England
- Soni Viers - France

D. June, July, August:

WMC OPERATING EXPENSES -

Goal \$8,000.

Send before September 10th.

5. Encourage the reading of the following books which may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Box 433, Winona Lake, IN 46590.

- *Soaring on Broken Wings* by Kathy Bartalsky
- *Evidence Not Seen* by Darlene Rose
- *No Place to Cry* by Doris VanStone

6. Use **Brethren** talent when available and support **Brethren** works. Support SMM.*

7. Aid in expenses, if possible, of local president or representative to attend each district meeting and national WMC Conference.

8. **Elect officers in April or May** to assume their duties in September. The local Annual Reports compiled by the retiring local president must be in the hands of the

district president by May 31. Seating of the delegates at National Conference is permissible only if annual report is returned. Reports will not be accepted at National Conference.

9. **Keep membership cards current.*** The membership chairman is responsible for giving her card to any member transferring to another council and see that a new member receives and signs a membership card when she joins the local council. (These cards are available from the National Literature Secretary.)

10. **Refer often to the WMC Handbook.** This can be obtained from the National Literature Secretary, Box 711, Winona Lake, IN 46590. (See order blank enclosed in program packet.) We recommend one per council be purchased.

DISTRICT OBJECTIVES

1. Honor those reading the entire Bible or listening to tapes of the entire Bible within a year.
2. Recognize the SMM at a District WMC program.
3. Use Brethren talent when available and support Brethren works.
4. Send District newspaper to National President, National Editor, and District Editors.
5. Sponsor at least one project, said project to be cleared through the National First Vice President to avoid duplication. The project may be kept within the district, but the National First Vice President should be advised for completion of her report. Send before March 10.
6. Send all district offerings for national Brethren works to the National Financial Secretary-Treasurer.
7. Contribute an annual freewill offering, to be used as the committee in charge sees the need, toward furnishing and repair of the Brethren Foreign Missionary Residence in Winona Lake, Indiana. Send to the National Financial Secretary-Treasurer.
8. Pay the District President's expenses to National Conference.
9. Give financial assistance, so that the District SMM leader may attend SMM Workshop.

10. Contribute annually to the National Operating Expenses. Send to the National Financial Secretary-Treasurer by September 10.

FINANCIAL REPORT 1990-91

Balance on Hand—July 1, 1990 \$9,933.54

RECEIPTS:

Operation Account	\$20,068.69
Home Missions	8,058.50
Grace Schools	7,214.13
Foreign Missions	7,706.02
Thank Offering	4,618.76
Missionary of the Year	7,315.27
Missionary Residence	3,134.92
Home Missions Specials	3,076.13
Foreign Missions Specials	11,755.69
SMM—CE National	5,361.76
CE National Specials	67.00
Grace Schools Specials	588.41
Prepaid Income and Expense	3,209.00
Candidate School	408.94

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$82,583.22

DISBURSEMENTS:

Operation Account	\$22,586.99
Home Missions	8,058.50

Grace Schools	7,214.13
Foreign Missions	7,706.02
Thank Offering	4,618.76
Missionary of the Year	7,000.00
Missionary Residence	3,521.37
Home Missions Specials	3,076.13
Foreign Missions Specials	11,755.69
SMM—CE National	5,361.76
CE National Specials	67.00
Grace Schools Specials	588.41
Prepaid Income and Expense	2,638.66
Candidate School	930.71

TOTAL

DISBURSEMENTS \$85,124.13

Balance on Hand—June 30, 1990 \$ 7,392.63

RECAPITULATION OF CASH ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand — June 30, 1990 \$ 7,392.63

Operation Account	\$ (2,314.40)
Missionary of the Year Account	5,686.47
Missionary Residence Account	1,000.00
Prepaid Income & Expense Account	3,020.56

TOTAL \$ 7,392.63

Total Investment & Interest in the GBIF not included in the above: \$ 8,099.72

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Purpose: To train girls to live Godly lives in an ungodly world and to reach their world for Christ.

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MONDAY, July 29, 1991

The meeting opened at 11:35 with a song
"My Savior's Love," led by Steve Peters.

An introductory "Epistle" and introduction
slips were distributed, the latter for the
presentation of new men. All missionaries
present were asked to stand and recognition
and appreciation were given.

Vice President John McIntosh presented our
President, Bernie Simmons, who spoke on the
theme, "Hope for the Professional."

He reminded us that Desert Shield and
Desert Storm gave us a new appreciation for
the professionals in the military realm; but a
professional in the news business, Bob
Simons, allowed his enthusiasm to interfere
with his profession and got him and his team
captured by the enemy. He made news instead
of just reporting it.

In the past, the pastor was not accepted as
a paid professional in Brethren circles. Dr.
McClain and others, however, helped bring
true professional status to the Brethren clergy.
When we are called of God as pastors
shepherds, we are professionals, even if by
some circumstance our positions are pulled
away from us. As professionals, we face four
problems, four temptations.

1. **Exhaustion.** Do you ever get to the
place where you hope that the phone won't
ring; for you just can't face another problem?
What's the cure for this? We're reminded that
we are not hirelings, but shepherds (John 10).
We must flee to our Great Shepherd and find
renewal of our strength in His unlimited
power (1 Peter 5, Psalm 23, Isa. 40:39).

2. **Ambition.** We often get the notion that
success is totally dependent upon us and we
become so married to our work that families
and self suffer. We do not serve Him when
we fail to serve our wives and children in
their needs, and when we do not renew our
own strength in communion with Him. We
need to remind ourselves of the expectation
for the elder in 1 Timothy 3.

3. **Pride.** "My model of pastoring is best. I like the way I do it. I'm the head honcho here." These are dangerous conclusions! The gifts of the Spirit involve more than those of a mouthpiece! We do differ in gifts, abilities, and style; but we can only be and do the best with what God has given us, and through His partnership.

4. **Comparison.** It's so easy to compare ourselves and our ministries with those of another, those superior to us or inferior to us. God made us the way we are; and all He expects is that we do and be our best for Him, not someone else's best. We need to keep our eyes on Him, and our focus on pleasing Him, not on measuring up to others or even the expectations of others.

After Bernie's message, we divided into groups of two or three for prayer time, focusing on our homes, our ministries, and our Fellowship.

The business meeting opened with the presentation of the membership report, subject to corrections, and the financial report: both available in printed copies. Corrections to the membership report are to be made in writing and given to the executive secretary, Ralph Colburn.

A motion prevailed to adopt the membership report, subject to corrections, and the financial report.

Steve Peters reported on "Focus '92," a project of the Strategy Committee and the Fellowship Council, presenting a strategy of evangelism for our Fellowship. At least six districts have already scheduled rallies to promote these goals. The prayer breakfast Wednesday morning is also linked with this.

When new business was introduced, the subject of a pictorial handbook of all Brethren ministers was raised. Bernie passed the baton of this responsibility to President-elect John McIntosh.

From the introduction slips, a number of new men were presented, including: Jim Brown, Philadelphia; Gary Kochheiser, Cedar Rapids; Tim Marlier, Moorpark (CA); Ted Booker, candidate for Philippines; Gary McCaman, candidate for Argentina; Eduardo Coria, Argentina; James Laird, Martinsburg (PA); Ken Carozza, Hartford (CT); and Dennis Gibson, Lexington (KY).

The meeting was closed with prayer.

TUESDAY, July 30, 1991

The meeting opened at 11:30 with a song led by Steve Peters.

President Simmons presented several leaders for brief announcements and presentations:

Ed Trenner presented Harvest Data Link, a source of international computer materials.

Don Byers presented the Doctor of Ministries program at Grace Seminary, along with other new courses simply for continuing pastoral education.

Chery Otermat presented the SMM program as a ministry to enrich our churches in reaching and teaching girls.

Jesse Deloe presented a Home and Foreign Missions survey concerning their media materials.

John McIntosh then led a panel regarding "My Struggles: God's Solutions." Ed Cashman related a time in his ministry when he was discipling three promising young men, and all three totally flaked out, disappointing him and causing him to question his call to ministry. The Lord reminded him that he had his eyes on people, and not on the Lord.

Then Steve Makofka, an inner city minister in Philadelphia, related how he took responsibility for the actions of people, and sometimes saw himself as the source of their help, rather than God. Realizing his error, he entered into an accountability relationship with other Philadelphia pastors, to draw on the Lord's strength and help, and to keep himself on track with God's desire for him and his ministry.

Then Tom Peters shared about a time in his ministry in the Central African Republic when he was thrust into a supervisory capacity over 105 churches and pastors in an area where many wrong practices and ideas had crept in and the pastors didn't really want to deal with them. The problem seemed overwhelming and extremely frustrating. What does the missionary-servant do then: Pray! Pray for revival, for heart changes, and to be found faithful.

Again we divided into pairs, all over the auditorium, and shared struggles, solutions, and prayed for each other.

The business session opened with a motion that the minutes and membership list corrections as printed in the "Epistle" be approved (with some transfers of membership

pending completion of proper paperwork). The motion prevailed.

The ballot was presented by the nominating committee, and additional nominations were sought. William Tweeddale was added to the ballot as a candidate for vice president. A motion prevailed that nominations cease. The election resulted in the following: President—John McIntosh; Vice President—Wayne Hannah; Recording Secretary—Bud Olszewski; Assistant Recording Secretary—Lee Dice.

Memorials were presented by Ralph Colburn. This year they were written and printed, with a picture of the man being remembered. They were presented in the order in which they were ushered into the Lord's presence during the conference year, with one man speaking briefly along with the printed memorial.

Ray Miller spoke in behalf of Robert Morton. Robert's widow, Mary, was presented, introduced and honored.

Ralph Colburn spoke in behalf of K.E. Richardson.

Charles Ashman spoke in behalf of Tom Hammers, who was also his brother-in-law.

Russell Betz spoke in behalf of Glen Welborn.

Ralph Colburn spoke in behalf of Dick Messner.

Charles Turner spoke in behalf of Wesley Haller.

Arnold Kriegbaum then led in prayer, thanking God for the memory of these faithful men. We were then dismissed.

THURSDAY, August 1, 1991

The meeting convened at 11:35 with Steve Peters leading us in some songs. President Simmons welcomed all to this joint meeting of lay ministers and professionals, and introduced three of our chaplains who had served in Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Charles Card and James Elwell spoke briefly, and Phil Spence led in prayer.

Ralph Colburn presented the "Pastor of the Year" award to Tom Inman, who had served two churches faithfully and well, for forty years, and all his ministry was in the district which produced him: currently the Mountain-Plains District.

A motion prevailed to approve the minutes of Tuesday's meeting, and the corrections to

the membership list, as printed in the "Epistle."

Charles Ashman presented a brief report on Grace Village and its current financial problems, and potential long-term solutions.

The new ministerium officers were introduced, and Ed Jackson prayed for them. Then he introduced the speaker of the day, Chaplain John Schumacher. John is currently teaching in the War College, and starts a new class of 230 officers right after conference. John introduced Orville Lorenz, who was also in uniform—a highly-honored retired chaplain. John then spoke to us on "Leadership."

In a questionnaire that young officers filled out concerning Colonels and Generals, and what they liked and disliked about them; among the likes were: they listen, they are honest, friendly, good mentors, consistent. Among the dislikes were: they blame others, are image conscious, unapproachable, don't support others.

What kind of a leader are you? Secular leadership is often influenced by power, hunger and ego. This is far from the biblical picture (1 Tim. 3, Eph. 5:21) and nothing like the pattern of leadership demonstrated by the Lord Jesus, or by Paul.

For the Christian leader, the needs of those you lead must be your greatest concern. Tenderness, love, forgiveness, are extremely important. Your followers are not in possession, but a trust, a gift from God. We need to relate to others as our Lord related to us. The ethical climate is set at the top of the organization.

May our desire be that when we meet our Savior face to face, we can say, "Lord, I have done my best because I have done it for you."

The meeting was concluded with an expression of appreciation for the message, followed by a prayer of dismissal.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance, Farmers and
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Receipts:
National dues \$31,295.
District dues 25.
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31,395.
TOTAL..... \$35,103.

Disbursements:		Balance, Chase Manhattan	
BIF Deposits	\$11,000.00	Bank, 7/16/90	25,495.92
Chase Manh.	15,000.00	Interest earned	1,237.79
Annual Space	405.95	Deposited from F & M	15,000.00
GBFM Refund	300.00	TOTAL	\$41,733.71
Scholarship	500.00	Disbursements:	
Dist. dues refund	25.00	Death gratuities payments ..	23,500.00
Nat'l Ministerium	739.07	Pastor of Year	500
Telephone & postage	151.85	TOTAL	24,000.00
Epistle costs	1,123.62	Balance, Chase Manhattan,	
Exec. Secy. Salary	2,100.00	7/18/91	17,733.71
	<u>\$31,345.49</u>	TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS,	
Balance, F & M Bank, 7/18/91	3,758.26	7/18/91	90,453.60
Balance, G. B. I. F., 7/16/90 ..	\$53,953.60	Net gain over last year (\$83,156.90)	
Interest earned	3,958.03		\$7,296.70
Deposited from F & M	11,000.00		
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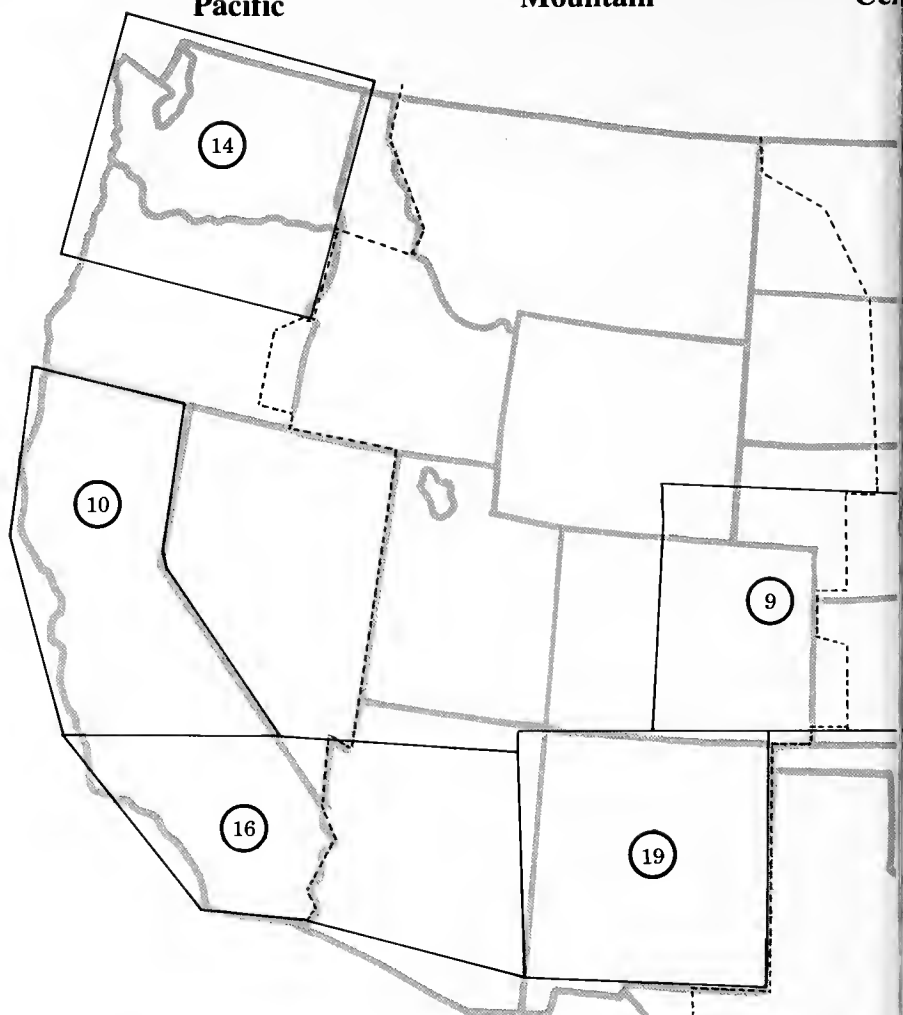
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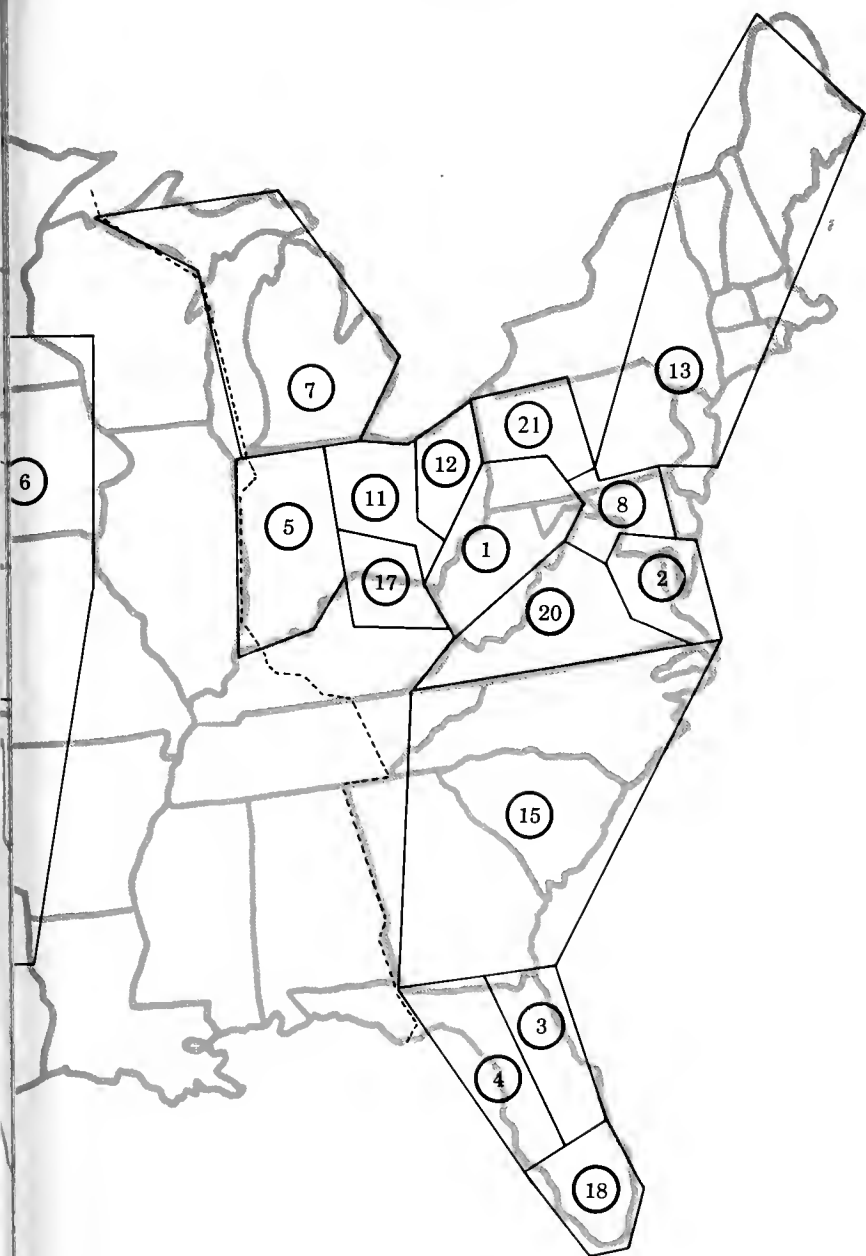


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Florida Suncoast District of Grace Brethren Churches

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Hawaii District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Place—to be determined;
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Indiana District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

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MICHIGAN

Michigan District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Lake Odessa Grace
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MID—ATLANTIC

Mid-Atlantic Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Grace Brethren
Church, Waynesboro, PA; April 25,
1992

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Mountain-Plains District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Arvada, CO; June
12-14, 1992

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Nor-Cal Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

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Sacramento, CA—River City Grace Community
San Jose, CA—South Bay Community
Tracy, CA—Tracy Grace Brethren

NORTHCENTRAL OHIO

Northcentral Ohio Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

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Mansfield, OH—Grace Brethren

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NORTHEASTERN OHIO

Northeastern Ohio District Fellowship of
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April 4, 1992

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Northern Atlantic District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

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Millersburg, OH—Grace Brethren Church of
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Rank, Bob Salsgiver, Mark Saunders, Jo

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 Brethren
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NORTHWEST

Northwest Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Kent, WA; Feb.
20-22, 1992

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 Location of Campground—HC62, Box 221-G,
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COOPERATING CHURCHES

Albany, OR—Grace Brethren
 Beaverton, OR—Grace Brethren
 Goldendale, WA—Community Grace Brethren
 Grandview, WA—Grace Brethren
 Harrah, WA—Grace Brethren
 Kent, WA—Grace Brethren Church of Kent

Mabton, WA—Grace Brethren
 Maple Valley, WA—Grace Bible Fellowship
 Prosser, WA—Community Grace Brethren
 Spokane, WA—Spokane Valley Grace Brethren

Sunnyside, WA—Grace Brethren
 Toppenish, WA—Grace Brethren
 Troutdale, OR—Grace Brethren
 Yakima, WA—Grace Brethren

SOUTH FLORIDA — CARIBBEAN

South Florida Caribbean District of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Lake Placid, FL
 May 18, 1992

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 Myers, FL 33912. (Tel. 813/267-7568)
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MINISTERIUM

Chm.—William Tweeddale
 Secy./Treas.—Rich Schnieders

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Chm.—
 Additional Members—All ordained men of the
 district

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CAMP

Director—Dan Ward
 Name of Camp—Camp Grace
 Location—Bassinger, FL

YOUTH

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 Fort Myers, FL 33912

COOPERATING CHURCHES

Bassinger, FL—Bassinger Christian Brethren
 Fort Lauderdale, FL—Eglise Evangelique Gr.
 Brethren
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 Fort Myers, FL—Grace Brethren Church of F.
 Myers
 Naples, FL—Community Grace Brethren
 Okeechobee, FL—Okeechobee Grace Brethren
 Pompano Beach, FL—Grace Brethren Church
 Pompano Beach
 San Juan, PR—Iglesia Hermanos Por Gracia

SOUTHERN

Southern District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Aiken, SC; May 1-2,
 1992

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Chm.—Bill Kellerman

GRACE BRETHREN MEN

Pres.—Ron Batroff

YOUTH COMMITTEE

es.—Steve Jarrell
embers—Mike Moody, Tom Kiefer, Don Soule,
Oren Salas, Ernest Usher

COOPERATING CHURCHES

ken, SC—Aiken Grace Brethren

Anderson, SC—Anderson Grace Brethren
Atlanta, GA—DeKalb Grace Brethren
Atlanta, GA—Marietta Grace Brethren
Johnson City, TN—Johnson City Grace Brethren
Telford, TN—Telford Grace Brethren

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA — ARIZONA

Southern California-Arizona District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Grace Brethren
Church of Long Beach, CA;
Tentative date: April 26, 1992

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um.—Ward Miller (92)
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es.—Roy Halberg (92)
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Bellflower, CA—Bellflower Brethren
Cypress, CA—Grace Brethren
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LaMirada, CA—Creek Park Community
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Lakewood, CA—Iglesia Cristiana de la Comunidad
Long Beach, CA—Community Grace Brethren
Long Beach, CA—Grace Brethren
Long Beach, CA—Grace Cambodian
Long Beach, CA—Iglesia Evangelica de los
Hermanos
Long Beach, CA—Koinonia Grace Brethren
Long Beach, CA—Los Altos Brethren
Los Alamitos, CA—Grace
Los Angeles, CA—Community Brethren
Menifee Valley, CA—New Hope Community
Norwalk, CA—Grace Brethren
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San Bernardino, CA—Grace Brethren
San Diego, CA—Grace Brethren
Santa Ana, CA—Maranatha Brethren
Santa Maria, CA—Grace Brethren
Santa Paula, CA—Grace Brethren
Seal Beach, CA—Grace Community
Simi Valley, CA—Grace Brethren
South Pasadena, CA—Grace Brethren
Temple City, CA—Grace Brethren
Tucson, AZ—Silverbell Grace Brethren
Westminster, CA—Grace Brethren
Whittier, CA—Community Grace Brethren
Whittier, CA—Grace Brethren
Yucca Valley, CA—Grace Community

SOUTHERN OHIO

Southern Ohio District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Place and date to be
announced

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YOUTH

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COOPERATING CHURCHES

Brookville, OH—Brookville Grace Brethren
Camden, OH—Camden Grace Brethren
Centerville, OH—Centerville Grace Brethren
Cincinnati, OH—Grace Brethren Church of Great
Cincinnati
Clayhole, KY—Clayhole Grace Brethren
Clayton, OH—Clayton Grace Brethren
Covington, OH—Friendship Grace Brethren
Dayton, OH—Basore Road Grace Brethren
Dayton, OH—Calvary Grace Brethren
Dayton, OH—First Grace Brethren
Dayton, OH—North Riverdale Grace Brethren
Dryhill, KY—Victory Mountain Grace Brethren
Englewood, OH—Englewood Grace Brethren
Huber Heights, OH—Grace Community
Kettering, OH—Calvary Brethren
Lexington, KY—Grace Brethren
Sinking Spring, OH—Grace Brethren
Trotwood, OH—Grace Brethren
Troy, OH—Grace Brethren
Union, OH—Community Grace Brethren
Vandalia, OH—Vandalia Grace Brethren
West Alexandria, OH—Grace Brethren Community

SOUTHWEST

Southwest District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Grace Brethren
Navajo Ministries, Counselor, NM
May 9, 1991

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mod.—Bob Salazar
Mod.—Steve Galegor
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Chm.—Tully Butler
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Treas.—Steve Galegor

MINISTERIAL EXAMINING BOARD

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Additional Members—Tully Butler, John Trijillo,
and all ordained elders in the district

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Treas.—Roger Moore
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COOPERATING CHURCHES

Counselor, NM—Cedar Hill Grace Brethren
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Counselor, NM—Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries
Rio Rancho, NM—LaMesa Grace Brethren
Toas, NM—First Brethren Church of Toas
Tonaalea, AZ—Red Lake Grace Brethren

VIRGINIA

Virginia Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Fairlawn Grace
Brethren Church, Radford, VA; April
3-4, 1992

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CAMP

Chm.—C.L. Young
Manager—Mr. & Mrs. Webb
Name of Camp—Camp Tuk-A-Way
Name of Campground—Bolling Conference
Grounds
Location of Campground—2262 Craigs Creek Rd.,
Catawba, VA 24070
Phone Number—703/552-9571

YOUTH

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Buena Vista, VA—First Brethren
Covington, VA—Grace Brethren
Lynchburg, VA—Grace Brethren
Radford, VA—Fairlawn Grace Brethren
Richmond, VA—Fellowship Grace Brethren
Richmond, VA—Grace Brethren
Riner, VA—Grace Brethren
Roanoke, VA—Clearbrook Grace Brethren
Roanoke, VA—Garden City Grace Brethren
Roanoke, VA—Ghent Grace Brethren
Roanoke, VA—Patterson Memorial Grace Brethren
Roanoke, VA—Washington Heights Grace Brethren
Salem, VA—Wildwood Grace Brethren
Troutville, VA—Grace Bible Brethren
Virginia Beach, VA—Grace Chapel

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Western Pennsylvania District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Camp Mantowagan,
Saxton, PA; April 25, 1992

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Roaring Spring, PA 16673
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PA 15909
Members-at-Large—Rick Strappello, Barry Rowe

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RULES AND ORGANIZATION

Don Rough (Chm.), Ron Carnevali, Larry Edwards

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V. Chm.—Tim Waggoner
Secy.—Larry Edwards
Asst. Secy.—Ron Carnevali
Treas.—Norris Mason

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Additional Members — All ordained elders of the
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CAMP

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YOUTH

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Treas.—Rick Stiffler

COOPERATING CHURCHES

Altoona, PA—First Grace Brethren
Altoona, PA—Juniata Grace Brethren
Armagh, PA—Valley Grace Brethren
Avis, PA—Tiadaghton Valley Grace Brethren
Conemaugh, PA—Conemaugh Grace Brethren
Duncansville, PA—Leamersville Grace Brethren
Everett, PA—Community Grace Brethren
Everett, PA—Everett Grace Brethren
Export, PA—Murrysville Grace Brethren
Hollidaysburg, PA—Vicksburg Grace Brethren
Hopewell, PA—Hopewell Grace Brethren
Johnstown, PA—Geistown Grace Brethren
Johnstown, PA—Johnstown Grace Brethren
Johnstown, PA—Pike Grace Brethren
Johnstown, PA—Riverside Grace Brethren
Johnstown, PA—Singer Hill Grace Brethren
Kittanning, PA—Grace Brethren Church of West
Kittanning
Kittanning, PA—North Buffalo Grace Brethren
Martinsburg, PA—Martinsburg Grace Brethren
Milroy, PA—Milroy Grace Brethren
State College, PA—Happy Valley Community
Grace Brethren

Directory of Grace Brethren Churches

Listing 323 churches in 30 states

Listed by States; giving city, pastor's name, church name, membership as of January 1, 1991, address, and telephone number; and name, address and telephone number of recording secretary or clerk.

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(Tel. 907/522-3969)

ANCHORAGE (E. John Gillis)

Greatland Grace Brethren Church (37)
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(Mailing address: 17645 Toakoana,
Eagle River, 99577)
(Tel. 907/694-5331)

Mary Herndon, 16240 Baugh Cir., 99516
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Grace Brethren Church (83)
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Birchwood Loop)
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85019
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Michelle Curtis, 1901 Campana de Plata
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CALIFORNIA

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CUMBERLAND (Raymond McCoy)

Cumberland Grace Brethren Church (86)
R. 2, Box 497, 21502 (From Rt. 48 take
Willow Brook Rd. to end, turn right on
Williams Rd.)
(Tel. 301/777-8362)
Mrs Nancy Miller, 518 Louisiana Ave.

HAGERSTOWN (J. Norman Mayer)

Calvary Grace Brethren Church (92)
115 Bryan Pl., 21740
(Tel. 301/733-6375)
Mrs. Yvonne Trumppower, R.3, Box 291,
Williamsport, 21795
(Tel. 301/582-2379)

HAGERSTOWN (Raymond H. Davis)

Grace Brethren Church (511)
First and Spruce Sts. (Mailing address: 837
Spruce St.), 21740
(Tel. 301/739-1726)
Mrs. Linda Buchanan, 247 Sunrise Dr.
Tel. 301/797-6917)

HAGERSTOWN (Jay Fretz)

Maranatha Brethren Church (205)
1717 Jefferson Blvd., 21742
(Tel. 301/733-1717)
Mrs. Robin Himes, 57 Scott Hill Dr.
(Tel. 301/791-1152)

HAGERSTOWN (Daniel J. Pritchett)

Valley Grace Brethren Church (130)
17310 Gay St. (Halfway Area), 21740
(Tel. 301/582-0155)
Pam Pritchett, 17436 Virginia Ave.
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LANHAM (W. Russell Ogden)

Grace Brethren Church (207)
8400 Good Luck Rd., 20706-2802
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Lloyd Sampson, 9501 Van Buren St.,
Seabrook, 20706
(Tel 301/577-6836)

TEMPLE HILLS

Grace Brethren Church of Greater
Washington (One church in five locations)

BRANCH CHURCHES:**TEMPLE HILLS** (James G. Dixon)

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(844)
5000 St. Barnabas Rd., 20748-4698
(Tel. 301/894-2722)
Mrs. Doris Homan, 3712 Gull Rd.
(Tel. 301/894-6709)

ALEXANDRIA (VA) (Robert Trefrey)

Grace Brethren Church (59)
1301 Commonwealth Ave., 22301
(Tel. 703/548-1808)
Mrs. Ione Hile, 16 W. Del Ray Ave.
(Tel. 703/386-7893)

CALVERT CO. (Robert W. Wagner)

Grace Brethren Church
9870 Old Solomon Island Rd., Owings,
20736 (Mailing address: P.O. Box 458)
(Tel. 301/855-2955)
Mrs. Janet Smith, 4007 Lakeview Turn,
Dunkirk, 20754 (Tel.
301/855-6926)

FREDERICK ("R." Dallas Greene)

Grace Brethren Church of Frederick
(109)
5102 Old National Pike, 21702
(Tel. 301/473-4337)
Mrs. Verlyn Mahaffey, 1808 Rustic Hill
Ct. (Tel. 301/694-7063)

WALDORF (Jeff M. Thornley)

Grace Brethren Church
Hwy. 5 (5 miles S.E. from Waldorf),
Box 283-1, 20601
(Tel. 301/645-0407)
Barry Goodson, 2685 Yowaiski Mill Rd.,
Mechanicsville, 20659
(Tel. 301/884-3317)

WESTERNPORT (John Lancaster)

Mill Run Grace Brethren Church (30)
R. 1, Box 75, 21562 (4 miles north of
Westernport, west off Route 36)
Kay Clark, HCR Box 175A Michael Rd.,
Barton, 21521 (Tel. 301/463-6649)

MICHIGAN

ALTO (Michael Funderburg)
Calvary Grace Brethren Church (118)
13626 84th St., S.E., (corner of 84th St. and
Pratt Lake Rd.), 49302
(Tel. 616/868-7440)
Pete Van Stee, 14385 68th St.
(Tel. 616/868-6345)

ESCANABA (Gary Hable)
Bay De Noc Grace Brethren Church (10)
4391 "K" Rd., Bark River, 49807
(Tel. 906/789-9066)

HASTINGS (Eldon Grubb)
Hastings Grace Brethren Church (10)
600 Powell Rd. 49058 (Mailing address:
2222 E. State Rd., 49058)
Darrel Hawbaker, 705 E. State Rd.,
(Tel. 616/945-9219)

LAKE ODESSA (Gary Austin)
Grace Brethren Church (67)
Vedder Rd. (Mailing address: 9390 W.
Thompson Rd., 48849)
(Tel. church: 616/374-7796; parsonage:
616/693-3002)
Mrs. Orley Hulliberger, Tasker Rd.,
R. 3 (Tel. 616/374-7818)

LANSING (Mickael Rockafellow)
Grace Brethren Church (41)
3904 W. Willow St., 48917
(Tel. 517/323-2424)
Mrs. Barb Shannon, 217 E. South St.,
Morrice, 48857 (Tel. 517/625-7586)

NEW TROY (Arthur McCrum)
New Troy Grace Brethren Church (45)
Corner of Weechik and California Rds.,
(Mailing address: Box 67, 49119)
(Tel. 616/426-3121)
Mrs. Robert Gahriss, 1006 Wadena Rd., St.
Joseph, 49085 (Tel. 616/429-0337)

OZARK
Grace Brethren Church (48)
R. 1, Box 212, Moran, 49760 (5½ miles
east and 1 mile south of Trout Lake on
H-40) (Tel. 906/569-3212)
Violet Shipley, P.O. Box 125, Trout Lake,
49793

NEBRASKA

BEAVER CITY (Michael Page)
Grace Brethren Church (35) Corner of 12th
and "O" Sts. (Mailing address: P.O.
Box 180, 68926)
(Tel. 308/268-5821)
Evelyn Keezer (Tel. 308/268-4950)

NEW JERSEY

HOPE
Grace Brethren Church of Hope (58)
One-half mile south of Hope on Rt. 519
(Mailing address: P.O. Box 490, 07844)
(Tel. 201/459-4876)
Stanley M. Dick, P.O. Box 167

NEW MEXICO

COUNSELOR (Tully Butler)
Cedar Hill Navajo Grace Brethren Church
(20)
c/o Brethren Navajo Mission, Counselor,
87018
(Tel. 505/568-4454)

RIO RANCHO (Don Bowlin)
La Mesa Grace Church
P.O. Box 15863, 87174
(Tel. 505/897-7443)

TAOS (Robert Salazar)
First Brethren Church of Taos (180)
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on Raton Rd.) (Mailing address: P.O.
Drawer 1068, 87571)
(Tel. 505/758-3388)
Lindy Valerio, P.O. Box 672, Ranchos de
Taos, 87557 (Tel. 505/758-3238)

NEW YORK

SARATOGA SPRINGS (Dale Jenks)
Grace Brethren Church of Saratoga Springs
(35)
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mile North of Ballston Spa) (Mailing
address: 2 Lindsay Hill Rd.,
Gansevoort, 12831)
(Tel. 518/695-3776)
Len Kellogg, P.O. Box 547, Stillwater,
12170 (Tel. 518/664-8894)

OHIO

AKRON (A. Harold Arrington)
Ellet Grace Brethren Church (181)
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Charlotte Marky, 807 Danner Rd.,
Talmadge, 44278
(Tel. 216/633-5517)

AKRON (Jim Hostetler)
Fairlawn Grace Brethren Church (153)
754 Ghent Rd., 44333
(Tel. 216/666-8341)
Nancy Adams, 4679 Ranchwood Rd.,
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ANKENYTOWN (Don Farner)

Ankenytown Grace Brethren Church (143)
20601 Old Mansfield Rd., Bellville, 44813
(4½ miles N.E. of Fredericktown on
State Route 95)
(Tel. 614/694-6936)

Mrs. Darlene Smith, 8491 Yankee St.,
Fredericktown, 43019

ASHLAND (Daniel Allan)

Grace Brethren Church (613)
1144 W. Main, 44805
(Tel. 419/289-8334)

Mrs. Leona Miller, 952 St. Rt. 511 North,
R. 3 (Tel 419/289-7657)

ASHLAND

Southview Grace Brethren Church (129)
810 Katherine Ave., 44805
(Tel. 419/289-1763)

Susan Howman, 1629 SR 603, R. 1
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BOWLING GREEN (Oscar Stroede)

Grace Brethren Church (50)
121 S. Enterprise St., 43402
(Tel. 419/352-6635)

Terry Lawrence, 229 E. Merry
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BROOKVILLE (Henry C. Mallon)

Brookville Grace Brethren Church (291)
12152 Westbrook Rd. (Mailing address:
P.O. Box 113, 45309)
(Tel. 513/833-5562)

Eileen Faulkner, church address

CAMDEN (Elgin L. Green)

Grace Brethren Church (24)
96 W. Central Ave., 45311
(Tel. 513/452-1290)

Mrs. Frank (Penny) Brewster, 2170 Painter
Pl., Miamisburg, 45342
(Tel. 513/847-8480)

CANTON (Terrance Taylor)

Grace Brethren Church (246)
6283 Market Ave. N., 44721
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Mrs. Jan Elliott, 1001 Oneida Trail,
Hartville, 44632 (Tel. 216/877-3785)

ENTERVILLE (Greg Ryerson)

Centerville Grace Brethren Church (97)
410 E. Social Row Rd., 45458
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Bill Starrett, 1678 Sioux Dr., Xenia, 45385
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Grace Brethren Church
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(Tel. 513/683-6246)

Jeff Seebohm, 3550 Verbena Dr.,
Sharonville, 45241
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CLAYTON (Darryl Ditmer)

Clayton Grace Brethren Church (63)
Box 9, 45315 (Salem and Kimmel Rd.)
(Tel. 513/836-1689)

COLUMBUS (Kenneth Brown)

East Side Grace Brethren Church (330)
7510 E. Broad St., Blacklick 43004 (3 miles
east of I-270)

(Tel. 614/861-5810)

Millie Hedges, 2100 Birchwood Dr., 43068
(Tel. 614/866-3337)

COLUMBUS (James L. Custer)

Grace Brethren Church of Columbus (2,674)
8225 Worthington-Galena Rd., Westerville,
43081 (Mailing address: 6675
Worthington-Galena Rd., Worthington,
43085)

(Tel. 614/888-7733)

Darwin Jones, 1069 Jobar Ct., Westerville,
43081

COLUMBUS (Terry Postle)

Hilltop Grace Brethren Church (5)
West Side of Columbus (Mailing address:
P.O. Box 23573, 43223)
(Tel. 614/274-6865)

COLUMBUS (Tony Webb)

Southwest Grace Brethren Church (80)
3150 Demorest Rd. (SDA church next to
Beulah Park, west of Grove City)
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3804 Devton Dr., 43228)
(Tel. 614/871-5167)

COLUMBUS (Howard Stouffer)

Trinity Grace Brethren Church (169)
1712 Courtright Rd., 43227
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Jenny McAllister, 3029 Deepwood Dr.
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COOLVILLE (George Horner)

Grace Brethren Church (30)
Seminary and Rock Sts. (off Routes 50 and 7
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address: Box 235, 45723)
(Tel. 614/667-3710)

Shirley Bowman, R. 1, Box 27A

COVINGTON (Don Staley)

Friendship Grace Brethren Church (63)
5850 St. Rt. 41 West, 45318
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Virginia Peters, 4666 St. Rt. 41 West
(Tel. 513/473-2667)

CUYAHOGA FALLS (Walter Malick)

Grace Brethren Church (26)
1736 E. Bailey Rd., 44221
(Tel. 216/923-8203)

DANVILLE (Albert E. Hockley)
Grace Brethren Church (17)
302 E. Ross St. (Mailing address: P.O. Box
509, 43014)
(Tel. 614/599-6467 or 614/599-6350)

DAYTON (Brian L. White)
Basore Road Grace Brethren Church (176)
5900 Basore Rd., 45415
(Tel. 513/837-3747)
Sylvia Koeller, 335 Leisure Dr., Brookville,
45309

DAYTON (Robert Poirier)
Calvary Grace Brethren Church of Dayton
(31)
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Bradwood Dr., 45405)
(Tel. 513/277-5900)
Ann Felkley, 1010 Taywood Rd., No. 402,
Englewood, 45322 (Tel. 513/822-2223)

DAYTON (G. Forrest Jackson)
First Grace Brethren Church (303)
2624 Stonequarry Rd., 45414
(Tel. 513/890-6786)
Mrs. Roy Trissel, church address

DAYTON (Howard W. Mayes)
Grace Community Church of Huber Heights
(197)
5001 Fishburg Rd., 45424
(Tel. 513/233-4324)
Linda K. Penn, 7456 Elru Dr., 45415
(Tel. 513/832-3778)

DAYTON (Tad K. Hobert)
North Riverdale Grace Brethren Church
(105)
4101 N. Main St., 45405
(Tel. 513/274-2187)
Mrs. Sally Blades, 203 W. Main St.,
Medway, 45341 (Tel. 513/849-6249)

DELAWARE (Jeffrey A. Gill)
Grace Brethren Church (156)
375 Hills-Miller Rd., 43015
(Tel. 614/363-3613)
Mrs. Jennie Ecker, 9090 Ashley Rd.,
Ashley, 43003

DUBLIN (Terry Hofecker)
Northwest Chapel Grace Brethren Church
(124)
6700 Rings Rd., (Mailing address: P.O.
Box 1234, 43017)
(Tel. 614/761-0363)
Susan Fearon, church address and telephone

ELYRIA (Jeff Brown)
Spring Valley Grace Brethren Church (40)
1305 Nash Ave., 44035
(Tel. 216/366-0755)
Nancy Brenneman, 115 Oak St.
(Tel. 216/322-8340)

ENGLEWOOD (James F. Hunt, Jr.)
Englewood Grace Brethren Church (77)
307 W. Wenger Rd., 45322
(Tel. 513/836-1467)

FINDLAY (Gary Crandall)
Findlay Grace Brethren Church (102)
209 Lexington Ave., 45840
(Tel. 419/422-8148)
Tom Cornwall, 945 Bernard Ave.

FREMONT (Craig Snyder)
Grace Brethren Chapel (75)
1611 North St., 43420
(Tel. 419/332-8190)
Melissa Esker, 1355 Buckland Ave.,
(Tel. 419/332-4937)

FREMONT (Gene Klingler)
Grace Brethren Church (347)
900 Smith Rd., 43420
(Tel. 419/332-2623)
Judy Loudenslager, 15 Crockett Dr., Clyde,
43410
(Tel. 419/547-7290)

GALION (Russ Simpson)
Grace Brethren Church (74)
1055 Winchester Rd., 44833
(Tel. 419/468-6848)
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Gilead, 43338 (Tel. 419/947-6802)

HOMERVILLE (James Sollenberger)
Grace Brethren Church (168)
8156 Firestone Rd., 44235
(Tel. 216/625-3304)
Nancy Lilly, 10259 Spencer Rd, West
Salem, 44287

KETTERING (Daniel Grabill)
Calvary Grace Brethren Church (74)
2850 E. Dorothy Ln., 45420
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Mrs. Lori Wolf, 2911 Kenmore, Dayton,
45420 (Tel. 513/253-2944)

LEXINGTON (Dave Atkins)
Grace Brethren Church (176)
215 W. Main St., (Mailing address: P.O.
Box 3009, 44904)
(Tel. 419/884-2687)
Mrs. Edna Wirick, R. 9
(Tel. 419/884-2140)

LIMA (Brad Lambright)
Grace Brethren Church of Lima (32)
1812 University Blvd., 45805
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Mary Hurley (Tel. 419/228-2459)

LONDON (K. Howard Immel)
Grace Brethren Church (64)
715 St. R. 42W (Mailing address: P.O.
446, 43140)
(Tel. 614/852-4761)
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MACEDONIA/Cleveland (Ronald Boehm)
Western Reserve Grace Brethren Church (70)
1066 E. Aurora Rd. (Mailing address: Box
53, 44056)
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MANSFIELD (Gene Witzky)
Cornerstone Grace Brethren Church (43)
500 Logan Rd., (Meeting at the Mansfield
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(Tel. 419/884-0692)
Donald Terry, 130 LaSalle St., 44906
(Tel. 419/529-8531)

MANSFIELD (J. Hudson Thayer)
Grace Brethren Church (243)
531 Marion Ave., 44903 (corner of Marion
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(Tel. 419/522-3941)
Mrs. Joyce Hupp, 1711 Emerson Dr., 44904

MANSFIELD (Robert Russell)
Woodville Grace Brethren Church (148)
580 Woodville Rd., 44907
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Mrs. Stanley Petras, 210 Malone Rd.
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MARION (Dave Kennedy)
Grace Brethren Church (50)
2813 Gooding Rd., 43302
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Bob Gliem, 257 Superior St.
(Tel. 614/382-6549)

MEDINA (Daniel Najmian)
Grace Brethren Church (54)
P.O. Box K, 44258
(Tel. 216/723-0040)
Gwynetta High, 7121 Stone Rd., 44256
(Tel. 216/723-4290)

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Grace Brethren Church (166)
2911 William St., N.E. (Mailing address:
P.O. Box 43, 44652)
(Tel. 216/499-6691)
Mrs. Mona Collins, 3363 Kinsley Dr., N.E.
Hartville, 44632
(Tel. 216/877-2037)

MIFFLIN (Mike Ostrander)
Mifflin Grace Brethren Church (109)
1149 CR 30A, 44805
(Tel. 419/368-3580)
Rich Foote, 763 CR 30A, R. 6, Ashland,
44805 (Tel. 419/368-8442)

MILLERSBURG (Charles G. Thornton)
Grace Brethren Church (44)
Meeting in a church about 4 miles east on
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202, 44654) (Tel. 216/674-1228)
Mrs. Dorothy Peppler, 9301 CR 292
(Tel. 216/674-0290)

MINERVA (Galen W. Wiley)
Minerva Grace Brethren Church (90)
22797 Ellsworth Ave., 44657
(Tel. 216/868-6700)
Mrs. Marilyn Christen, 16395 Marvindale
Dr., S.E., 44657
(Tel. 216/868-6726)

MOUNT VERNON (John E. Bryant)
Grace Brethren Church in Mt. Vernon (22)
12426 Old Mansfield Rd., Mount Vernon,
43050 (Tel. 614/392-4253)
Martha Jacobs, 6361 Crouch Rd.
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NEW ALBANY (Will Marling)
Rocky Ridge Grace Brethren Church
348 Granville St., Gahanna (Mailing
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NORTON (Robert P. Combs)
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3970 Cleveland - Massillon Rd., 44203
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Akron, 44314 (Tel. 216/745-2937)

ORRVILLE (Keith Merriman)
Orrville Grace Brethren Church (222)
2200 Paradise Rd., 44667
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Rd. (Tel. 216/684-2163)

PATASKALA (Stephen Miller)
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County (103)
3517 Headley's Mill Rd., 43062
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(Tel. 614/927-4318)

RITTMAN (Bud Olszewski)
Grace Brethren Church (209)
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Joan Anderson, 153 Douglas Dr.
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SINKING SPRING
Grace Brethren Church (27)
Box 55, 45172 (One block west from State
Rt. 41 and Rte. 124)
(Tel. 513/588-4675)
Nina Couser, Sinking Spring

STERLING (Robert Moeller)
Grace Brethren Church (56)
14960 Seville Rd., 44276
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Creston, 44217

TOLEDO

Maumee Valley Grace Brethren Church (61)
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Toledo Grace Brethren Church (12)
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Betty J. Miller, 4860 Catalina Dr., 43615
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TOLEDO (John Fahrback)

Trinity Grace Brethren Church
4035 Williston Rd., Northwood, 43619
(Tel. 419/698-2201)
Michele Mariano (Tel. 419/697-0759)

TROTWOOD (Charles E. Lawson)

Grace Brethren Church (119)
12 Strader Dr., 45426 (across from
Trotwood-Madison High School)
(Tel. 513/854-2521)
Mrs. Ruth Garber, 1590 Raymond Dr., Tipp
City, 45371 (Tel. 513/667-1975)

TROY (Roy Glass III)

Grace Brethren Church (52)
527 N. Market St., 45373
(Tel. 513/335-1852)
Kathy Booker, 990 Lee Ave.
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UNION (Stephen Peters)

Community Grace Brethren Church (404)
7260 S. State Rt. 48, 45322
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Richeline Prim, 950 S. Johnson Rd., Ludlow
Falls, 45339
(Tel. 513/676-8733)

VANDALIA (Everett Caes, Interim)

Vandalia Grace Brethren Church (57)
810 Larry Ave., 45377
(Tel. 513/898-8222)
Roger Crist, 219 Dellsing Dr.
(Tel. 513/890-1496)

WEST ALEXANDRIA (Percy Miller)

Grace Brethren Community Church (42)
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Marilee Dr., New Lebanon, OH 45345)
(Tel. 513/687-2987)
Mrs. Sandra Swafford, 5793 Halderman Rd.
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WILLOUGHBY (Joe Cosentino)

Lake County Grace Brethren Church (10)
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WOOSTER (Robert D. Fetterhoff)

Grace Brethren Church (787)
1912 Burbank Rd., 44691
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Mrs. Glenn Moore, church address
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ALBANY (Delane Miller)

Grace Brethren Church (25)
801 S.E. Ermine, 97321
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BEAVERTON (A. Duane Jones)

Grace Brethren Church (70)
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(Tel. 503/645-7471)
Barbara Gilgan, 450 N.E. Edison, Hillsboro
97123 (Tel. 503/640-4187)

TROUTDALE (Jim Holder)

Grace Brethren Church (30)
27938 S.E. Stark St. 97060
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Gresham, 97080
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ALEPPO (David Lund)

Aleppo Brethren Church (53)
P.O. Box 66, 15310
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Bonnie Riffle, R. 1, New Freeport, 15352
(Tel. 412/685-5249)

ALTOONA

First Grace Brethren Church (88)
2934 Maple Ave., 16601
(Tel. 814/942-7642)
Joanne Beach (Asst. Secy.), 309 E. Bell
Ave., 16602 (Tel. 814/942-9584)

ALTOONA (Timothy Waggoner)

Grace Brethren Church (100)
Broadway and 15th Ave. (Juniata), 16601
(Tel. 814/942-8861)
Mrs. Ruth Swartz, 204 25th Ave.
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ARMAGH (Norris B. Mason)

Valley Grace Brethren Church (94)
Junction of Routes 56 and 22 (Mailing
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Sherry Fritz, R. 1, Box 85, Homer City,
15748 (Tel. 814/446-6680)

- AVIS** (James Snavely)
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(89)
P.O. Box 299, 17721
(Tel. 717/753-3275)
Mrs. Kathie Mitchell, P.O. Box 345,
(Tel. 717/753-3239)
- BETHLEHEM** (Larry Humberd)
Lehigh Valley Grace Brethren Church (75)
580 Bridle Path Rd., 18017
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Mrs. Joan Ross, 630 N. Sherman St.,
Allentown, 18013
- BLAIN** (Dennis Huratiak)
Sherman's Valley Grace Brethren Church
(26)
South Main St., (Mailing address: P.O. Box
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Tammy Sue Strube, 18 Pine Tree Ln.,
Shermansdale, 17090
(Tel. 717/582-7031)
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Laurel Mtn. Grace Brethren Church (52)
R. 2, Box 121-A, 15531 (One mile north of
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(Tel. 814/629-5545)
Dale Moon, R. 1 (Tel. 814/629-7268)
- HAMBERSBURG** (David Manges)
Grace Brethren Church (64)
315 S. Edwards Ave., 17201
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Mrs. Barbara Poe, church address
- CONEMAUGH** (Thomas E. Goosens)
Conemaugh Grace Brethren Church (54)
Corner of Second and Oak Sts. (All mail to
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(Parsonage Tel. 814/539-5333)
Mrs. William Gillespie, 278 Ross Ln.
15909-1989 (Tel. 814/322-4558)
- ILLSBURG** (Warren E. Tamkin)
Hope Grace Brethren Church (108)
P.O. Box 275, 17019 (One mile east on Old
York Rd.) (Tel. 717/432-5332)
Michael Doutrich, P.O. Box 82, 315 Main
St., Wellsville, 17365
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Leamersville Grace Brethren Church
(152)
14 Donnertown Ln., 16635 (Four miles
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220) (Tel. 814/695-3739)
Mrs. Kathie Smith, R. 1, Box 336, East
Freedom, 16637
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Grace Brethren Church (228)
305 Anchor Rd., 17022
(Tel. 717/367-1281)
Mrs. Carol Barger, 440 Hillside Ave.
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Ephrata Area Grace Brethren Church (130)
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P.O. Box 63, Everett, 15537
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(Tel. 814/652-2811)
Charlie Wright, 121 Locust Dr.,
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Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church
(116)
2205 Swatara St., 17104
(Tel. 717/238-4186)
Shirley Winter, 998 Pieffers Ln., 17109
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- HATBORO** (Gary Gnagey)
Suburban Grace Brethren Church (63)
749 W. County Line Rd. 19040
(Tel. 215/675-5818)
Wm. Robertson (Tel. 215/672-1166)
- HOLLIDAYSBURG** (Larry Sowers)
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(Tel. 814/695-4240)
Mrs. Paul Magill, R. 1, Box 533
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Grace Brethren Church of Hopewell (61)
Rt. 26 (two miles south of Hopewell)
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Duncansville, 16635)
(Tel. 814/695-3855)
Mrs. Dolores Van Orman, 350 Route 36
South, Duncansville, 16635

JENNERS (Max DeArmy)

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15546 (Rt. 601 south of Rt. 30)
(Tel. 814/629-9105)
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(Tel. 814/266-9170)
James Vogel, 203 Basin Dr., Windber,
15963 (Tel. 814/467-9191)

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Johnstown Grace Brethren Church (149)
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(Tel. 814/539-7815)
Frances Gomulka, 1140 Ridge Ave., 15901
(Tel. 814/536-2444)

JOHNSTOWN (Stephen Blake)

Pike Grace Brethren Church (262)
R. 6, Box 185, 15909 (old Rt. 22 at
Mundy's Corner)
(Tel. 814/749-8721)
Nancy Wozniak, R. 1, Box 233, Mineral
Point, 15942 (Tel. 814/322-4983)

JOHNSTOWN (H. Don Rough)

Riverside Grace Brethren Church (235)
R. 4, Box 61A, 15905
(Tel. 814/479-2525)
Mrs. Linda Gallus, R. 3, Box 222, Fair St.,
15904 (Tel. 814/266-6761)

JOHNSTOWN (Ron Carnevali)

Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church (206)
R. 8, Box 121, 15909 (on Rt. 271, 2 miles
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(Tel. 814/322-4376)
Opal Stouffer, 202 Ash St., Parkhill, 15945
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(256)
215 Arthur St., 16201
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Sharon Hooks, R. 5, 424-A
(Tel. 412/543-4030)

KITTANNING (Robert L. Burns)

North Buffalo Grace Brethren Church (128)
R. 4, Box 39, 16201
(Tel. 412/763-7871)
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(Tel. 412/545-2702)

LANCASTER

Grace Brethren Church of Greater
Lancaster (104)
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LANCASTER (John F. Smith)

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(149)
300 Willow Valley Square, 17602
(Tel. 717/464-2782)
Nancy Nelson, 729 Sherry Ln., 17601
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LISTIE (Ronzil Jarvis)

Listie Grace Brethren Church (115)
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LITITZ (Jerry R. Young)

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MANHEIM (Rick Clark)

Manheim Grace Brethren Church (92)
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Cynthia Clark, 548 Rife Run Rd.
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112 Beachley St., 15552 (on U.S. 219)
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MEYERSDALE (Albert Valentine)

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R.R. 1, 15552 (West of Meyersdale, 3
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Mary Sgaggaro

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Milroy Grace Brethren Church (80)
Taylor Dr., Taylor Park, Reedsville,
(Mailing address: 99 Taylor Dr.,
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17603 (Tel. 717/667-2652)

MONTGOMERYVILLE (David Allem)

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Export, 15632
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Tri-County Grace Brethren Church (32)
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Church (8)
P.O. Box 498, 16804
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Reading Grace Brethren Church (50)
R. 3, 15563 (Rt. 281, 9 miles north of
Somerset)
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Mrs. Virginia Barron, R. 2

TELFORD

Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church (295)
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TREMONT (Michael Wallace)

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(Tel. 412/437-6121)

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(Tel. 412/225-8203)
Mrs. Sue Miles (Tel. 412/222-8474)

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Grace Brethren Church (24)
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LONGVIEW (John W. Mayes)

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4206 N. 23rd St., 78504
(Tel. 512/686-5757)
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IRASBURG (Scott M. Libby)

Grace Brethren Church (49)
Rt. 14, S. of Coventry near Jct. R. 5 and 14
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Coventry, 05825
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ISLAND POND (Robert Kulp)

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BUENA VISTA (Paul Fink)

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Woodstock, 22664
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RADFORD (Lester W. Kennedy)

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(191)

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Mrs. Tanya Webster, 4714 Pennsylvania
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Mrs. Loretta Kennedy, 1734 Pexton Ave.

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Mrs. Betty Dobbins, R. 4, Box 467

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Church (18)

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Grace Brethren Church (44)
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First Grace Brethren Church (109)
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Directory of Grace Brethren Ministers

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Fellowship Coordinator - FGBC
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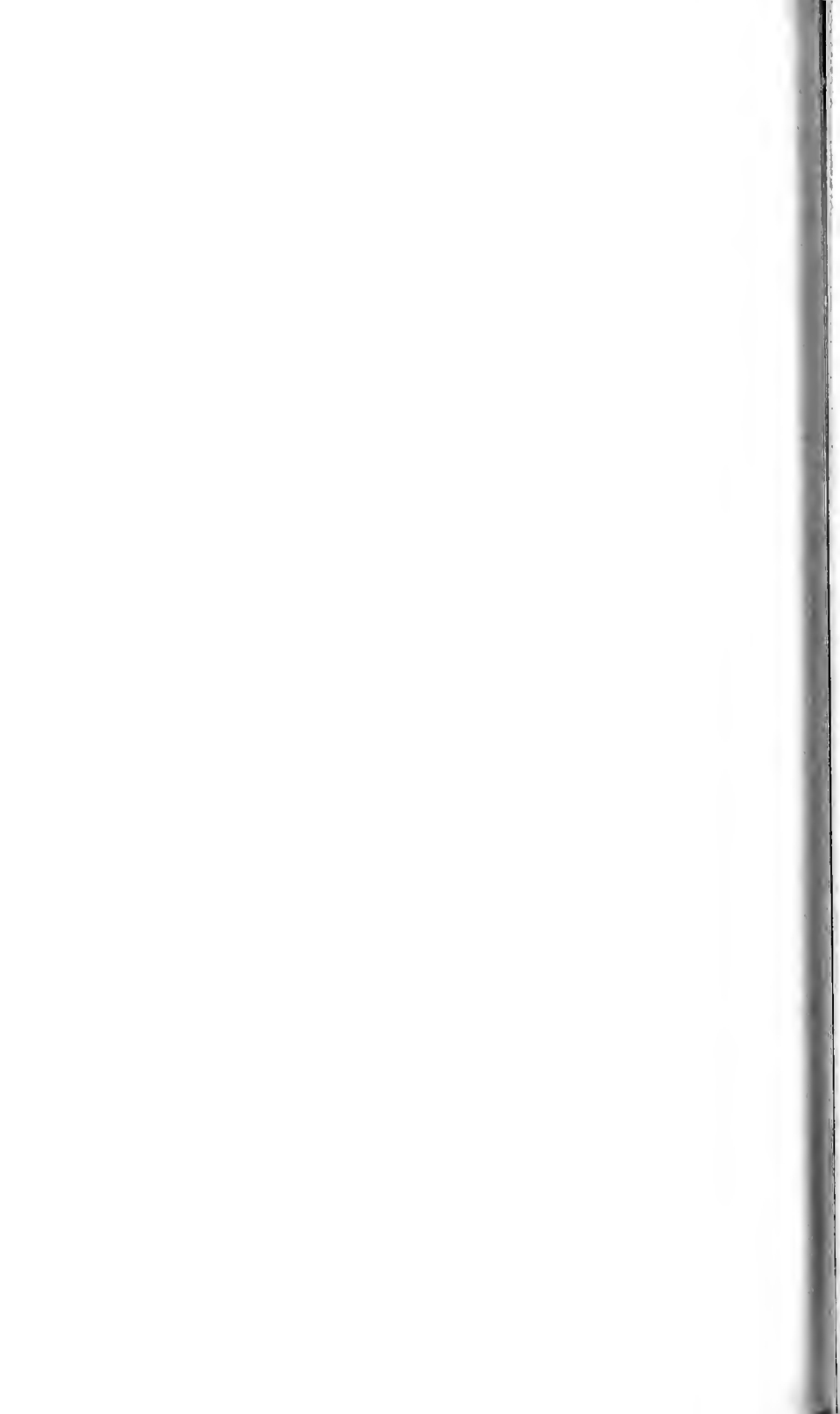
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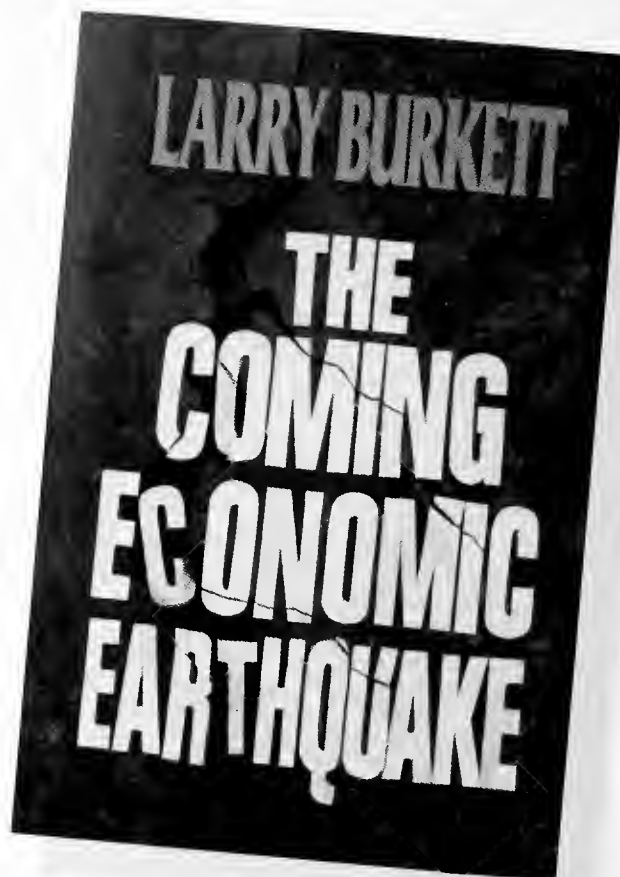
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PREPARE YOURSELF!

In *The Coming Economic Earthquake*, respected financial counselor Larry Burkett takes a sobering look at the impending financial crisis that is poised over America. During the 1990s we will face the greatest financial collapse in our history. As massive national debt exceeds the total net worth of the U.S. government, the ever increasing need for new revenues will bring major tax revisions and soaring interest rates. Inflation will influence the daily decisions we all make. As people seek to maintain eroding lifestyles, more and more will declare bankruptcy.

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There are a lot of complaints these days about the economy and a multitude of other problems. The main message on the evening news is that it keeps getting tougher out there. The jobless rate has gone up and many are concerned about job security. National debt is out of control. It is our nature to dwell on these problems and the effects of these problems come very close to home. How to pay the bills is high on everyone's priority list. But because there are so many negative things in the world does not mean that there is nothing good happening. The truth is that many good things can come out of what appears to be a very bleak time.

History records a dark period in the life of a small nation which came to question its very existence. The sky was silent and the voice of God was missing. There was not a prophet in the land for over four hundred years. It appeared that God had indeed abandoned Israel. Freedom had also disappeared as an invader took over the land. The Romans moved in and oppressed the people and their government. Religious exercises reached a very low level.

To look at this from a human level there was complete despair for this nation. But in the midst of the darkness God was working in the lives of a few people. By His Spirit He was speaking and the voice of change began in the land. Not only was the change to take place in a small geographic area, the events were to change the course of the entire world.

To a virgin came the message, "You are to become a mother and the child you will bear shall be called Immanuel—God with us." To Joseph, a carpenter, came the message of the Messiah. Yet another message came to a woman who would bear a child who would become the forerunner of the Messiah.

As the darkness continued in the land, the general population lived out their days not yet

knowing that there was to be a hope from God. When darkness seems the darkest it does not prove that it will remain dark forever. Things were tough in Israel and despair loomed heavy.

If you think things are tough for you, just imagine for a moment a new arrival was to appear in your household. To add to the new problems, you, along with others, are called to leave your home and go a long distance to register for a census. This was not the modern kind where the government sends a form to fill out which can then be returned by mail. No, this census required a trip to your old home area. Transportation was not good and the problem was compounded by a need for a hospital. Instead there was the long walk and a bumpy ride on a donkey. When the destination was reached, there was no hotel or motel and the time of delivery of the child was at hand.

Things can get tough, but it does not seem to reach the level just described. Out of these difficult circumstances and in the midst of all of the confusion, the cry of a newborn child was heard in the stable. The cry was so natural no one but a few could detect the truth. The Son of God cried that day. He was in the form of a man and He had come to redeem mankind. The light was beginning to shine and a star in the heavens made its glowing appearance. When the darkness is the greatest and hope is lowest, it is time to listen for the voice of God.

The taking of life has become common today and cities that never knew the reality of murder now announce new killings each morning on the early news. Abortion is rampant and financial clouds gather. This Christmas would be a good time to pause and listen for a voice that says, "Come unto Me ye who are weary . . . and I will give you rest." There is a lot of light, but look for the right source of light.



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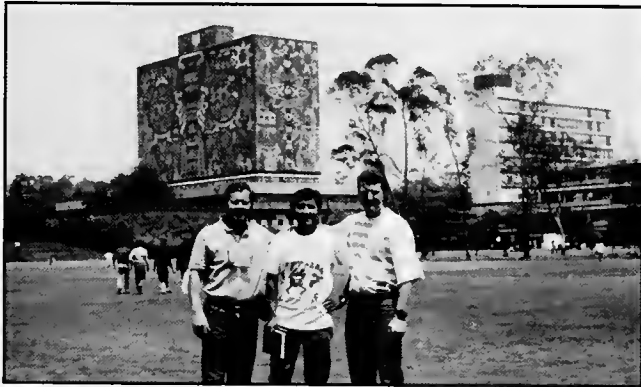
After considerable discussion on the Brethren Missionary Herald Board a new emphasis of direction for our magazine was established by the following motion:

1. It is the purpose of the BMH magazine to communicate to the members of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches the news of its ministries and the current state of the church.
2. This shall be accomplished through news reporting editorials, articles and advertisements from the FGBC boards and interviews of persons best qualified to present information of general concern.
3. The content of the BMH magazine is determined by the Executive Editor under guidelines established by the BMH Board of Trustees. It is not the organ of any single interest, but seeks to serve the general interests of the entire FGBC in pursuing its Scriptural goals.

Seconded and passed by unanimous vote of the Board.

God Is Still Working in People's Hearts!

by Gary M. Kinser



Our first meeting, in May 1991, on Mexico City's university campus.

God is still preparing and working in hearts. Just as the Ethiopian eunuch was ready for Philip to come and "preach Jesus" to him (Acts 8:26-39) and Lydia's "heart was opened" by the Lord to respond to the gospel (Acts 16:14), our Lord is at work today! I was reminded of this in a remarkable way when I met Roberto Popoca Gonzales in Mexico City.

Our First Conversation

I was convinced that God was working in Roberto's heart from our first conversation. In May of 1991, Jay Bell, Pastor Lance Stowe, and I went to Mexico City for three days to scout and plan for a summer short term mission trip. On the second day we stepped from the crowded bus onto the largest university campus in the world, U.N.A.M. (Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico). The campus is approximately 15 square miles with 350,000 students. Immediately a young man walked up to us and said (in broken English), "Where are you going? I will help you." We told him we were looking for the library. We began to walk to the library and after a few minutes of introductions and small talk he asked us about our jobs. We told him we were pastors in the United States and then waited to hear his response. His statement almost dropped our jaws. He said, "Oh, really? I have been reading the Bible, but I don't understand what the central message is." After some discussion, we thought that because of our limited Spanish and his limited English it would be best if we made an appointment to meet the Spanish-speaking missionaries or pastor. After looking on a map we discovered that he lives only two major streets from the church—in the largest city in the world! The next day we flew home without ever meeting with him. I wrote a letter to continue contact with him and he never received it. I thought we had lost the opportunity, but God had other plans.

Our Second Conversation

In August 1991 I arrived in Mexico City again, this time with a group of 12 college students and translators for 10 days of ministry and outreach with the Grace

Brethren Church and our GBFM missionaries, Bess Farrell and Brenda Welling. We had a full calendar of scheduled activities, but I still wanted to find time to see Roberto. I tried calling him a couple of times through the first week but never reached him. Finally I was able to reach him the last day we were staying in the city. I wanted to see him, so I invited him to come to our special Wednesday night meeting at the church. Dave and Sylvia Riggs were presenting their ministry to the Zapotec Indians. He said that he was very busy and had to study for a test the next day, but that he would try to come because "you don't find good friends around the block." When the meeting was over Roberto showed up at the door of the church.

We sat down and began to talk and eat. He shared many personal concerns with me. He said it has been difficult for him to sleep for two and a half years because he was afraid of the demons that have hassled him at night. He said, "Sometimes I read the Bible and I begin to cry" and "I just want to know the truth." He said that he believed in miracles and that he thought it was a miracle that he met me on campus in May and was now talking to me again. Another Mexican, Raul, who was sitting with us, told him that it was a miracle that all this had happened and that God could do a miracle in his heart right then by bringing him into His family and giving him salvation. He showed Roberto from the Bible and in Spanish how he could have a personal relationship with God through Christ. I knew Roberto was understanding because he would occasionally translate what Raul was saying into English for me. As he was concluding, a Mexican woman came up named Clara Luz (Spanish for "Clear Light"). She told him how she became a Christian and encouraged him to do the same. Praise to the Lord! Roberto committed his life to Christ that night. The heart God had prepared was now devoted to Him.

Our Third Conversation

God is still working in Roberto's heart. I have heard reports from our GBFM missionaries, Bess and Brenda, that Roberto is regularly attending church, involved in discipleship with John Pieters (sometimes even twice a week), and is part of beginning the new youth ministry at the church. After talking with Roberto today I was glad to hear that he is doing well reading the Bible daily, and is sleeping great. There truly is peace and rest in the Lord.

Roberto was one of nine people we saw come to the Lord during our ten-day trip. God encouraged us and the church greatly during our stay. I could go on and on "relating one by one the things that God has done" as Paul did in Jerusalem (Acts 21:17-20), and you would "glorify God" with us. However, space limits me to the story of Roberto. But I hope he will be a reminder to you as he is for me that God is preparing and working in hearts.

Gary M. Kinser is the director of the College/Young Singles Ministry (Frontline) at the Grace Brethren Church in Long Beach, California.

Guatemala . . . A Time for Miracles

by Patricia Saunier

"And I pray that you being rooted and established in love may have power together with all the saints to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all fullness of God" (Eph 3:18, 19). Do we ever really trust God the way He intended us to, or fully see the miracles in which He allows us to participate? Perhaps just like our physical muscles, our spiritual muscles must be continually exercised in order to bring us to a deeper awareness of what it means to truly depend upon God.

Love, faith, trust—simple words to say, but much more difficult to live by. Never was this more vivid to me than last August. In a letter to a friend, I commented on a supply of medical donations I had received earlier: "We have medicines we did not ask for, for a trip we don't have planned, but I can't wait to see what God has planned." Our Lord's plans began to take shape. I received a FAX from Tim Carey, missionary with Wycliffe in Guatemala. He would be in Miami in September. If medical supplies could reach him while there, he would carry them into Guatemala where they would be used to fight cholera, a disease rapidly spreading throughout Central America. Allowing time for shipping, we had exactly eight days in which to gather supplies! We were overwhelmed with the task set before us, and we certainly underestimated the power of God.

God, however, had already prepared hearts for the request. Within three days several churches, two hospitals, nine physicians and two pharmaceutical companies had responded to our pleas. On September 8 doctors and other benefactors held a time of prayer during which we thanked God for His blessings and asked that everyone who came in contact with the medicines, from UPS handlers to recipients, might hear the Gospel and receive Jesus as their Savior. More than 100 pounds of antibiotics, analgesics and surgical supplies left Virginia for Miami, along with a



check for \$500 to be used as the Lord led.

In a recent phone conversation with Tim, he discussed his arrival in Guatemala. He was stopped by custom officials as they searched through the supplies. However, in answer to ongoing prayer, he was allowed to bring everything except one bottle of aspirin into the country! He relayed the joy of the people of Xenocoj when they received the medicines. Tim shared with the villagers about God's love and how He through His children was blessing Xenocoj.

Tim excitedly reported on the church where a First Love Renewal had been held last February.

- Average attendance is 67, and during August there were 17 baptisms.
- The church has a youth group which meets once a week.
- A special concern is the need for a building. The fellowship is looking into the possibility of purchasing a building or land that can be used for church services.
- The ladies group meets weekly and is saving money to contribute to this cause.
- The Guatemalan Grace Brethren Church, under the leadership of Pastor Carlos Valdaus, is active, vibrant, growing and touching souls with Christ's love.
- Almost \$1,000 worth of medical supplies and money were gathered in the U.S. and delivered to Guatemala in less than 14 days!

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever!" (Eph 3:20).

Patricia Saunier is a registered nurse and infant case-manager with Allegheny Highlands Community Services Board. She is a member of the Washington Heights Grace Brethren Church, Roanoke, VA.



Tarah Peters

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Tarah



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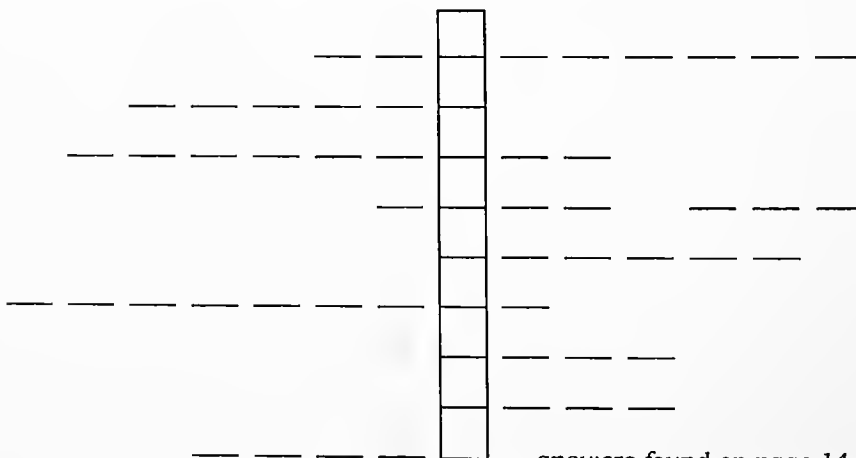


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COMMITMENT - From Our Hands to His

Some of the individuals associated with the birth of Christ showed special commitment in their lives. Who were they? The verses below tell to what they were committed, how they demonstrated their commitment, and what the results were. After filling in the blanks, use the names of the individuals to fill in the puzzle.

	Commitment	Demonstration	Results
1.	_____	_____	_____
	Luke 1:6	Luke 1:62, 63	Luke 1:64
2.	_____	_____	_____
	Matt 1:19	Matt 1:24	Luke 3:23
3.	_____	_____	_____
	Luke 2:15	Luke 2:16	Luke 2:16, 20
4.	_____	_____	_____
	Matt 2:2	Matt 2:9-10	Matt 2:11
5.	_____	_____	_____
	Luke 2:25	Luke 2:27	Luke 2:30
6.	_____	_____	_____
	Luke 1:6	Luke 1:25	Luke 1:57
7.	_____	_____	_____
	Luke 1:38	Luke 1:43	Luke 1:45
8.	_____	_____	_____
	Luke 2:37	Luke 2:37	Luke 2:38
9.	_____	_____	_____
	Col 1:13	Col 1:19-20	Col 1:22



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KEEP CALVARY IN CHRISTMAS

A Christmas Reading

by Jesse B. Deloe

Resting one night outside the little town of Bethlehem of Judea, I was trying to get comfortable on the hard ground and shut out the sound of my grazing donkey chewing the grass of the field. I was one of those unfortunate ones for whom there was no room in the town. The king had decreed that a census be taken, and all of us had to report to our home towns and enroll.

Bethlehem was an unimportant little town like many that dot the map all over the world. It was a place where boys grow up but leave to make their mark in the world somewhere else. Now, all the boys of many years back were coming home to register. I suppose if one had enough money or influence, he could find lodging somewhere, but I was just a poor lad, so I wrapped myself in a blanket and stretched out on a sloping hillside outside of town to get some rest.

The road had been crowded all day and after my long journey, I was tired and weary; but sleep wouldn't come. My parents were no longer living; I had no family, and I remembered no friends from my childhood days in Bethlehem. I suppose it was loneliness as much as anything else that kept me awake until it happened. Even as I think back on it now, I cannot believe my memory, just as I could not believe my ears and eyes those many years ago. For as I was tossing on my hard bed and wishing for sleep, all of a sudden, I heard a distant sound—a sound of singing.

Thinking perhaps I was sleeping, I raised my hand to rub my eyes, and behold, they were open; I was not sleeping. The music was too distant for me to hear clearly, but I could not be mistaken. It was beautiful, even angelic. I looked about me, but I could see nothing unusual in the darkness. My little donkey had become quiet, though, and his ears stood erect as he seemed to strain to hear, too.

Looking off into the distance over the hilltops, I thought I saw a glowing light in the sky. There were no stars nor any moon that night, but there did appear to be a . . . a . . . glow; and it was from there that the music seemed to be coming.

As I strained my eyes in the darkness, I thought I saw movement on the ground just beneath the heavenly glow. Yes, I was sure of it, there seemed to be a small group of men moving

about in no certain direction. And . . . and . . . yes, there were sheep milling about the men. They were shepherds, and they were excited about something unusual.

They began to move off the hillside together. I grabbed my few belongings, threw them over the donkey's back and off we went to see what was happening. The beauty of the music seemed still to linger in the air, and what had sounded like claps of thunder had scattered the sheep and the herdsmen. I moved as fast as I could to catch up to them.

Not wanting to interfere, I trailed the shepherds at a safe distance until I finally caught sight of them again on the road to town. They were chatting together excitedly as they hurried along, not aware, apparently—or not caring—that it was the middle of the night when they should be tending their sheep quietly on the hillside.

I noticed a very young fellow among the shepherds—a boy about my age, following along and struggling to catch up with the others. The farther back he trailed from the rest, the closer I came to him, until he finally noticed me. Not wanting to frighten him, I spoke softly and offered him a ride on the donkey. He gladly accepted. As we hurried to catch up with the others, I asked where they were going and what was the excitement.

His explanation of the events I had witnessed at a distance was astounding—unbelievable—and frankly, I did not put much stock in what he was saying. For this is what he told me:

He had been sleeping with most of the others while a guard was on alert. He had been awakened by what he at first thought was thunder, too, but then he recognized a voice—and it wasn't any of the shepherds that he knew so well, either. Wide awake, then, he began to understand what the voice was saying:

"Don't be afraid, I have come to bring you joyous good news which is to be shared with all people. In David's city, Bethlehem, this very day, is born the Savior God has promised and for whom His people have been watching. You will find him in baby wrappings, lying aresting in an oxen's manger."

As if this were not startling enough, the little lad related, all of a sudden, a whole host of singers began praising God; "I guess they were angels," he said, "and their music was tremendous; I'll never forget the sound or the words:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

"Well," I said to the lad, "where are you going now? Certainly, nobody will believe that story, will they?"

He replied, "I don't know about that. All I know is that the men decided to seek the sign that the angel spoke about. We're looking now for that manger where the baby is to be laid."

Meanwhile, we had come into the outskirts of the town, and the shepherds, as if guided by an unseen hand, entered a stable behind one of the old inns. As I followed them, I was started to see—among the oxen and donkeys with a few sleeping hens and doves—a mother holding a tiny baby.

My shepherd friends fell immediately to their knees and praised God for sending a Savior. I did not understand their reaction, but I did observe their reverence and awe in seeing the realization of the angel's promise and—so the lad told me—the fulfillment of centuries of prophecies regarding a "son to be given" upon whose "shoulders" God's government would rest. I'll never forget that night, believe me!

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I was just about to enter the city of Jerusalem on business one morning when I was confronted with a mob. Yes, a mob of people spewing out of the city gate and rushing toward me. I barely jumped off to the side of the road in time to avoid being trampled. It was obvious that this crowd was angry; nothing was going to stand in their way, so I gladly got out of their path. My business in the provincial city could wait; I wanted to know what was going on.

Not all the crowd seemed angry, though. Not all uttered jeers and catcalls; some—a number of women, a few men—were weeping. They appeared distraught and distressed. The face of one man, now approaching middle-age, seemed familiar to me. It was an anxious face, strained in agony and stained with tears. As he passed by, our eyes met, and something about each of us brought recognition to the other.

Why, he was the shepherd lad I had seen on the road to Bethlehem many years before. Again I asked him what was happening, where the crowd was going. He pointed to the forlorn figure of a man struggling beneath the load of a harsh, crude, wooden cross.

"That man," he said, "is the babe we saw in the

manger that night."

I could not believe my ears. How could I reconcile the angel's message at His birth with the sight now before my eyes? This was no king; this was no deliverer or savior of men.

In the confusion, the noise, the turmoil of the mob, it was difficult to get the whole story, but I gathered that the Jewish leaders were not receptive to the claims of this Jesus; they accused Him of blasphemy, and somehow they persuaded the political leaders of the day to execute him for the charges they falsely brought against Him.

My shepherd friend had been a close follower of Jesus for three years. He had almost forgotten about the manger scene until he heard Jesus preach by the Sea of Galilee one day, and he was immediately taken with the authority of His preaching, the logic of His persuasion, the correctness of His use of the Old Testament Scriptures. In short, the shepherd boy had become a believer; he was one of the "way," a follower of Jesus as the Christ of Israel.

Gladly and expectantly, he had followed Him, witnessed His miraculous deeds, and served with Him without pause. But now, his dreams and hopes for the Messiah were being dashed against the stones of intolerance, unbelief, and hatred. He still expressed faith in this condemned man, but he could not understand why it was that He was being led to Calvary.

I had to leave my newly re-found friend, for my business in the city was urgent. Turning to leave him and make my way against the crowd back into the city, I noted for the first time where the road was leading and where the mob was heading.

The road wound its way outside the city to a hillside. Seeing it in the bright light of the day, I noted the shadowed marks on the side of a hill away from the sun. Yes, it was the place sometimes referred to as the place of the skull. It did have such markings, and it was chilling just to see it.

Even more chilling in the view that day was the faint outline at the top of the hill of two crosses. I could barely make out the figures of men already hanging there. It was evident that the bedraggled, worn man—now relieved of his burden by another, but still jeered and mocked by the mob, even spat upon by some—this man was being led to a similar fate. Within a half hour or an hour, there were to be three crosses on that hilltop. My shepherd friend's master would have met his end.

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I was in that "no-man's-land" between deep, concentrated reverie and fully conscious aware-

ness, when a stranger appeared at my side and spoke softly to me, drawing me back down into my thoughtfulness.

"Do you remember the babe in the manger?" he asked. "Do you remember the man in the death march? Do you remember me?"

I looked hard at the speaker. It couldn't be, but it was. There stood my shepherd lad, my friend of Bethlehem and Jerusalem. How could that be? This was centuries later—nearly 2,000 years. Yet there he was, not much different than I remembered from long ago. There was something different about this meeting, though. I had twice stumbled upon him on his journeys long ago; now he finds me on my journey; now he's the one asking for an explanation.

"Tell me what's going on here. Where's everyone going? What's all the noise and confusion?"

"Why, it's Christmas," I replied. "We're honoring the birth of Christ, as we do each year at this time."

"But where is any remembrance of Christ?" he asked. "Is it His spirit that I see in the jostling, rushing crowds? Is He in the decorated trees in the windows? Is He what is wrapped up in all the finery of gift packages? Is it Christ who is being honored in your town, or is it you, your family, and your friends?"

"What are you looking for in this remembrance—giving a pleasing gift? Getting something for yourself that you want? Outdoing someone else in decorating or exchanging gifts? I'm sorry, but I don't seem to see the babe in the manger in these things."

I started to protest, but he went on, "And what is worse, even in the few store windows where I see a manger scene or in those isolated places where I read a 'Keep Christ in Christmas' sign, there seems to a great deal missing. Who is the Christ they want to keep in Christmas?"

"You must remember, my friend, that we met not only at Bethlehem but at Jerusalem, too. Maybe you didn't hear the most wonderful part of the story when we last met, for you ran off so quickly and didn't hear the good news."

"Good news," I thought. Yes, there was Good News after all. He didn't need to tell me about the Sunday after that crucifixion scene. I know about Jesus Christ's rising from the dead. I know that He defeated death, sin, and the devil, by His victorious resurrection. No, I hadn't forgotten that part of the story.

My shepherd friend spoke once again, "You must remember, old friend, that there is 'none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.' That red-nosed rein-

deer you hear about in the song, or that red-clothed, white-bearded, jolly man you see in all the stores—those aren't names that deliver from sin and death. They, in reality, may be just substitutes for us. We will never be able to keep Christ in Christmas if He is just another Rudolph, or Santa Clause, or yule log, or decorated tree. We must remember why the babe came; we must 'Keep Calvary in Christmas!'"

* * *

An unexpected voice startled me once again.

"Excuse me, will you let me out, please?"

I had fallen into such deep reverie as I rode the bus home that I had forgotten where I was. I let my fellow passenger get past me to leave the bus, and I collected my thoughts. I looked through the bus windows and everywhere my eyes alighted, I saw signs of Christmas.

"But of whose Christmas?" I asked myself. The shepherd friend of my daydreaming opened my eyes to what is taking place right here—in our town—and now—in our time. I began to search in the store windows, in the newspaper on my lap, in the magazine on the seat beside me. Rarely was there any remembrance of the Christ of Christmas in any of them. *Nowhere* was there any reference to the reason for His coming. The occasional, flippant mention of "peace on earth, good will to men" bore no suggestion as to how this peace and good will were purchased—at the price of the blood of Jesus Christ.

As I pulled the cord for my stop, I determined that this year it was going to be different in my family, in my life. This year I want not only to bring Christ back into Christmas, but to bring Calvary back too. Walking the few blocks to my home, I heard the words of a song that began to tumble through my mind: "Ring the bells! Ring the bells! Let the whole world know."

"Yes," I thought, "let the whole world know Christ was born in Bethlehem many years ago."

Oh, how wonderful the words, for they bring Calvary and Christmas together. The tune continued: "Born to die that man might live, came to earth new life to give."

Yes, ring the bells! Christ died to give men life. Ring the bells! Christ lives today as He did so long ago.

Thank you, shepherd friend; thank you for bringing to mind the real story of Christ, Christmas, and Calvary. I pray that this year my life will show my gratitude for Christmas and for Calvary. Oh, ring the bells! What joy is ours who know the man of the manger and the cross!

Celebrating in Happy Valley

By William H. Snell



Pastor Larry Edwards

Sunday, October 6, 1991, at three o'clock in the afternoon, Pastor Larry Edwards welcomed two hundred guests in the large conference room at Toftrees Resort in State College. They had come from all over the West Penn District to celebrate the first anniversary of the Happy Valley

Grace Brethren Church in that western Pennsylvania city.

District support was evidenced not only by the good attendance that beautiful Fall afternoon, but also by the prayer support and the financial help that the young church receives. Pastors Tim Boal, Doug Sabin, Jim Snavelly, and Jim Morton all participated in the joyous occasion at Toftrees.

Pastor Snavelly of the Tiadaghton Valley Grace Brethren Church started a Bible class in the State College home of Chuck Rider in October, 1989. The District has encouraged the ministry from its inception. In the Spring of 1990 Larry Edwards was challenged to consider this city for the planting of a new church. His ten years at the Bethel Brethren Church in Berne, Indiana, had been fruitful and fulfilling years.

After two visits to the area and much soul-searching prayer the Edwards family decided to move East to State College, home of Penn State University. Worship services began in the church planter's home on October 7, 1990. Realizing that a private home has great limitations for use as a church, meetings were moved to Toftrees, a Marriott Resort, on January 13, 1991.

In May this year the Lord moved Jim and Jan Morton from Columbus, Ohio, to assist in this exciting endeavor of faith. Jim is a licensed minister and was in a middle management position be-

fore joining hands with Pastor Edwards. The Worthington Grace Brethren Church in Columbus committed themselves to support the Morton family until they could find employment at their new home.

State College is a unique community of baby boomers. The average resident is thirty-two years old, Caucasian, a white-collar worker, and has at least four years of college education. Demographic studies show that there is a significant increase in families now making State College their permanent home.

When more than 94,000 fans pack into the university stadium for a Nittany Lions football game, the college town becomes the fifth largest city in Pennsylvania. Statistical analysis indicates that by the turn of the century, State College will be one of the largest cities in the state even without the influx of fans for a Saturday football game.

Presently, the core group of the church includes seven families. Brethren across the country are encouraged to join the pastors and people of the Happy Valley Grace Brethren Church in asking God to build a strong church in that spiritually needy valley.

William H. Snell is Director of Church Planting and Development for Grace Brethren Home Missions. He

is responsible for new church starts in the East and South. He came to this position from the pastorate in Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, about the same time that the ministry in nearby State College began services in Pastor Edwards' home.





Pastor Mike's son Craig drives his "stake" in the future church site.

On September 8, the congregation of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Cincinnati held a ground-breaking ceremony on a beautiful six-acre site within two minutes of the I-275 beltway.

It was an exciting day as church-planters Mike and Liz Clapham recounted the many blessings of God in their ministry. Several members gave thanks for what the church has meant to their families.

Grace Brethren Home Missions helped Mike and Liz begin the work, along with help from the Columbus, Ohio, Grace Brethren Church and the North Central and Southern Ohio District Mission Boards. The young congregation began meeting in the Clapham living room in 1980. Quickly outgrowing the

Breaking Ground in Cincinnati

by Larry N. Chamberlain

home, services were moved to a bank conference room and, later, to the public school close to their property site where they have been meeting ever since.

Mike led his congregation to self-support status in 1986, right on schedule. They have since fully paid for their property and have raised more than \$200,000 for the construction of a first-phase worship facility. They hope to build debt-free, and they're well on their way!

Mike's story is repeated all across America. (Not all Home Mission churches build debt-free, however.) Last year seven churches went self-supporting, and this year an-

other six will take that step of faith and will continue to grow.

A vibrant, healthy church is reaching people for Christ today in Cincinnati, Ohio, because of the faithful prayer and financial support from Grace Brethren people and churches. On behalf



Cincinnati skyline.

of Mike and his fellow church planters across America, Home Missions says "Thanks" for that support.

Larry Chamberlain is Executive Director of Grace Brethren Home Missions.



Prayer and discipleship have been key factors in the growth of the church.

In this final month of the year, we are asking God to provide the church-planting funds that are so desperately needed to close our books in a healthy condition. On behalf of thirty-four churches and pastors, may I ask you to consider a generous year-end gift for Home Missions? Thanks for allowing God to use you to provide the needed resources for MISSION AMERICA. LNC

NEWS UPDATE

Lew Ingwaldson has resigned from the pastorate at the San Jose, CA, church, effective October 13, 1991. His temporary address is: General Delivery, Kirtland, NM 87417.

Steve Koontz, Fort Lauderdale, FL, has joined the staff at the Grace Brethren Church, Murrysville, PA. He will be directing the youth ministry there.

Steve Blake, former pastor of the Third Brethren Church in Philadelphia, PA, has accepted the pastorate of the Pike Grace Brethren Church in Johnstown, PA.

Gary Gnagey has resigned from the pastorate of the Suburban Grace Brethren Church of Hatboro, PA, effective October 27, 1991. Future plans are indefinite.

Larry Smithwick resigned from the pastorate of the Anchorage Grace Brethren Church, Anchorage, AK. His resignation took effect on November 10, 1991. His new address is: 55 W. Washington, No. 93, Yakima, WA 98903.

Pastor James S. Laird, Sr., senior pastor of the Martinsburg GBC of Martinsburg, PA, announces the addition of Associate Pastor J. Brant Leidy. Pastor Leidy began his duties July 1.

Daton and Velma Cundiff are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary year. If you would like to send your greetings, their address is: 3813 Longmeadow Ave. NW, Roanoke, VA 24017.

Deaths:

Baker, Ida, June 13, 1991. She was a faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church, Martinsburg, PA, since 1938. James Laird, pastor.

Brooks, Samuel, July 1, 1991. He graduated from this earth to his heavenly home after a lengthy illness. H. Don Rough, pastor.

George, Dale, September 21, 1991. He was a faithful attendee of the Riverside Grace Brethren Church and contributed many long hours and knowledgeable information in the building of their present facilities. H. Don Rough, pastor.

Mowry, Shirley, October 8, 1991. She was involved with the music of the Grace Brethren Church, Martinsburg, PA. James Laird, pastor.

Weddings:

Beam. Melissa Wagner and Shawn Beam were married on July 19, 1991, at the Riverside Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, PA. H. Don Rough, pastor.

Deal. Loretta Hetz and Donald Deal were united in marriage on October 19, 1991,

at the Grace Brethren Church of Meyersdale, PA. Larry Gegner, pastor.

Gallo. Elizabeth Stitely and Todd Gallo were married on June 8, 1991, at the Riverside Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, PA. H. Don Rough, pastor.

Haglund. Pat Nicholson and Erie Haglund were married in a unique outdoor wedding on the bride's grandfather's farm, Meyersdale, PA, on August 10, 1991. Pastor Larry Gegner performed the ceremony.

Kauffman. Beverly Stanley and Michael Kauffman were married on September 28, 1991, at the Riverside Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, PA. Pastors H. Don Rough and Luke Kauffman (Michael's pastor) officiated at the ceremony.

Keith. Ginger Sipes and LeMar Keith were married on August 24, 1991, in the Grace Brethren Church of Martinsburg, PA. James Laird, pastor.

Seth. Lori Decker and Shawn Seth were married on March 9, 1991, at the Riverside Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, PA. H. Don Rough, pastor.

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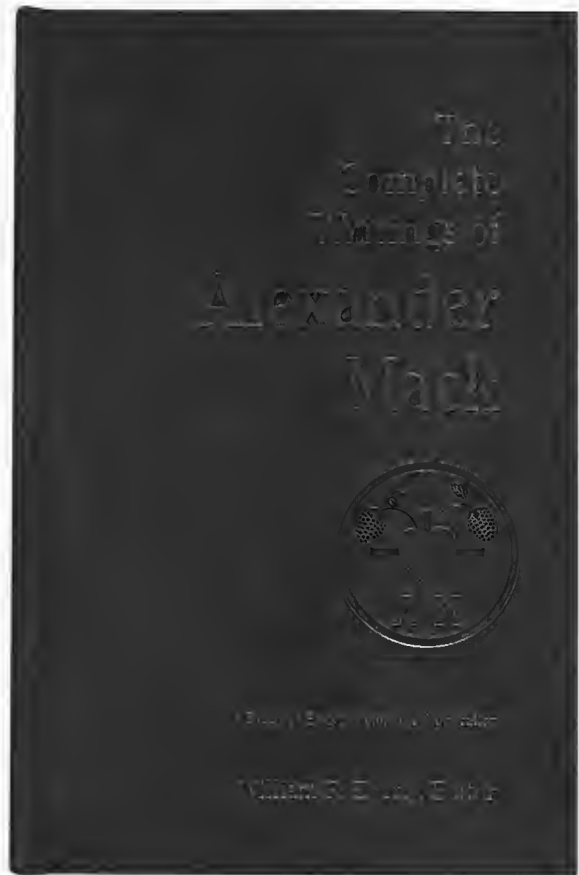
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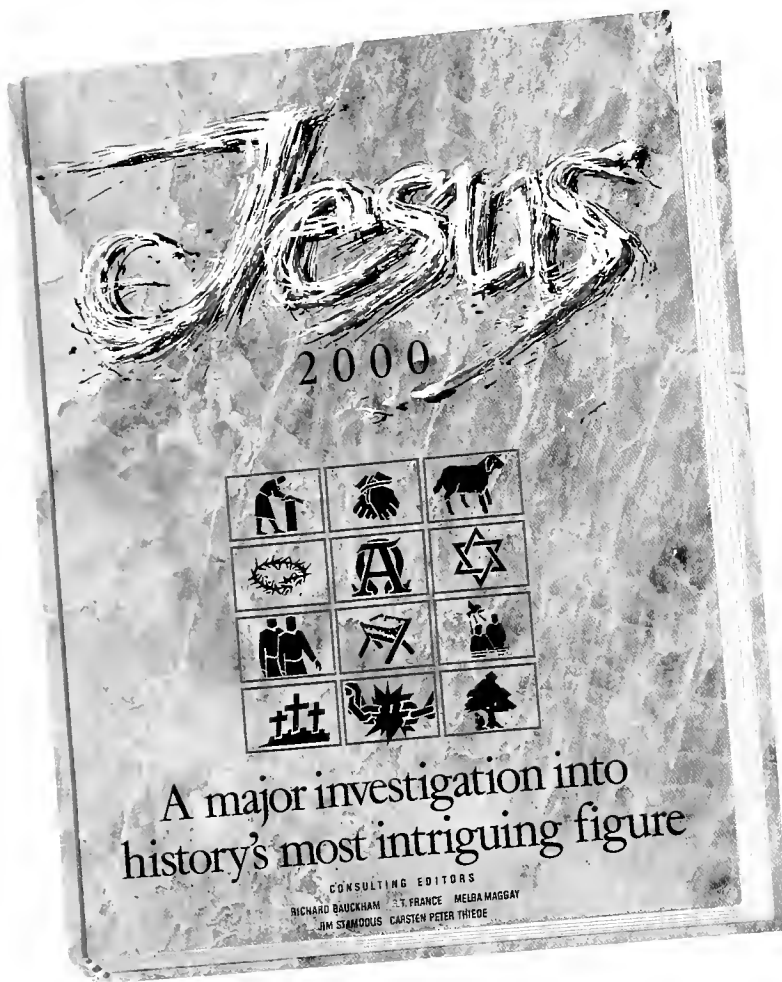
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